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Jan: 14.

Dear Lucy

Please forgive me  
for not having replied before,  
but I have been away on  
a mission and almost  
overwhelmed with work.

I greatly appreciated  
your congratulations, and  
it was particularly good of  
you to write when you  
have so much trouble  
and anxiety to contend  
with. I only wish there



it was in my power to  
do anything more to relieve  
them. I had, however,  
talked over Philip's position  
with many of his friends  
and all agree that to  
attempt to stir up the  
matter in Parliament now  
would not merely be hopeless  
but could only do his interests  
more harm than good.

One could not even get a  
hearing, much less satisfaction,  
and, painful though it is to  
have to give such advice, I

can only recommend again  
that, for the present, both  
he and you should see  
the wisdom of keeping as  
silent as possible.

Someday, I am convinced,  
his day of vindication (from  
all serious charges) will come,  
but until the present Press-  
offended feeling of  
bitterness and prejudice has  
died down there is no  
hope of reason or justice.  
With deep sympathy to  
you both - believe me  
most sincerely  
Arthur Bee.