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69, LANCASTER GATE, W.

24 Sept⁴/89

My dear Oliver

Your mother saw
Ed your letter this morning but
got humbug or something like
it & is not disposed to write
herself, so she has asked me to
do it in her place. She went
to Hampton Court to see Lady
Colley on Sunday and came back
yesterday & this morning found
that her back was so stiff she
could hardly move. But I hope
it will not last very long. The
children at Rickets Wood have
not come back yet but we suppose
they will appear this afternoon.
Aunt Lett has gone off to St Maud

and I believe your Mother & Dorothy will next Monday & as to be in time for Trix' wedding which is to be on the 3rd Oct.

I don't know whether it was quite settled before you went away that I am to leave the Council of India (that is its proper name) and become Chairman of the E. Indian Railway Corp^y. - I suppose that my last day at the India office will be tomorrow week, & that on the 3rd Oct I shall become a Director of the Railway Company and then be made Chairman. Yesterday I went to the city & saw the office. The Chairman has a beautiful room to himself & besides a bed room &

small separate sitting room which he can use when he likes.

My picture has come home & has been hung up in the Drawing room opposite the fireplace next to the three window end of the room. Your Mother is very well satisfied with it - & I too think it looks well enough.

I suppose I shall have to take Lighter down to Bourne mouth before very long. He has to get a sort of machine for his crooked toe to be tied up at night to bring it straight. It will only be used at night so as not to bother him in the day time.

Mr Cornish wrote to say he proposed to give you a few Mathematics which I hope will do you good. Remember my remon to be a

good boy. It was very good to write
so well at first & your mother was
much pleased. We still hear
nothing about Ralph or his chance
of a Commission -

He went on Sunday to Hyde Park
& heard the Bakers protesting that
they would strike & have more
wages & less work. I think very
likely they are right for from all
accounts they are worked very
hard by being in front of the ovens is
not at all pleasant work if it
goes on half the night -

I will make Bernie write
when she comes back -

Yr loving father
W. Stanley