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My dear cousin Henry

I shall be very glad indeed to give you an account of myself so far with respect to those things that you mentioned in your last letter.

In the first place I began to prepare myself, as far as I was able, a year or more before I quit school to take up that line of work that I am in now. Most of the boys I knew ^{at school} had selected for themselves, more or less definitely, some line of work that they intended to follow after they had quit college. I was