

to the girls. I hope it won't be
so bad for them, ultimately -
How lucky that Tom took the
once despised profession of
'music'.

Your affec^ted

Alfred King

We are going away, during a
spring cleaning, for a fortnight
at Easter. After that, would
you come up & spend a day
with us? Best regards to
your wife & Howell & my little
God-daughters, & all of them.

P.S. I am going to be a candidate
for the Clark Eng. literature
lectureship just founded by Trinity
College, Cambridge. I don't get it
however.

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My dear old Boy.

I have been much pressed of
late by work of all kinds - for
I (like you) feel the "curse on pot-
a-tile" - or 'lets to keep the pot
a boiling' question (Hood!) always
a burning one - or I should have
answered your welcome letter by
return. How can you expect a
member of an underpaid class to
know any thing on such an irrelevant topic?
(but you will mind all this
when you are a member of the Branch -
for you will not be "tempor-
auditor" (journal!) but will
before long emerge from this chrysalis

condition - "Status Pupa-laris"
(Bouffon!) into the butterfly
of the Bench.

Luxury - quotha? The legal Profession
takes care I should know nothing
of this. When I can get better
to my bread; "I bless my stars
& call it luxury" (Addison!);
nor can the narrow crib of a
poor bachelor become "a couch
for luxury and d-d vice!"
(Shakespeare! Oh! fie.). There is,
sir, but one species of this
known to my profession, it is
when:-
"we learn the luxury of doing good"
(Goldsmith!)

But, Sir, when I visit the gilded
saloons of your Professional
Chiefs - ~~then~~ then I say, with
a yet undiscovered poet:-

"Wherever you chuckle your eye
There - there is lux-ur-y!"

of the foregoing remarks seem
to be upon the subject of
your paper, by all means use
them.

How are you all - dear ones? We
have been of late deeply interested
in the poor Webb's troubles - my
girls often write their papers
& Punches to poor Clara. Our
friends the Evans' are very
much concerned about them,
& have ^{taken} ~~struck~~ up a strong liking