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Coward + Saturday. (21.11.17)

My dear Colin

many thanks for your letter
and the cutting from the
W. Gazette - I am immensely
pleased with it and very
proud of that unreserved
recognition - and also of
having my name put down
at the Athenaeum with you
as proposer.

The only other ~~man~~ member
of the Athenaeum (barring Hugh) ~~is~~
who knows me personally is
Graves. He has ~~been~~ always
been very friendly to my work
and I remember him once
going out of his way (I mean

literally - in the street) to compliment me warmly on the Secret Agent when that novel was first published.

No, my dear Colvin. I meant that you should send me the revise sheets of the S Line so that I could have them bound in a spare binding I've got by me; and I meant to reproduce the final corrections (as far as possible) before returning them to you. That was the understanding. Pray keep to it if it isn't too late.

It is you, cher ami, who have been perfectly delightful during your visit here, leaving with us an impression of freshness and vitality, and
that

I have there

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fidelity to early enthusiasms
which keeps a man from ever
becoming "aged" in the common
sense of that word. If I shocked
you by flying out against
Gambetta I am sorry. He was
a great man, especially in
regard of the other makers of the
3^d Republic. Freycinet, Leon Say
Chamberlain-Lacour were most
distinguished personalities - but
rather hommes de cabinet. Of
the others (with perhaps the
exception of the golden-tongued
Jew Jules Simon) the best that
can be said is that they were
politicians. They are now de-
cently forgotten. But the
greatest figure of the times
through which we have

PS I am an honest person, so being an agnostic that the spirit world is not fit for me I decided with but little hesitation that it would be best to be buried in the ground. I hope you've got it by now. I miss them; you put your writings; I saw her now and then and I could have cried.

lived was The People 'itself.
of a Nation. For 150 years the
French people have been always
greater (and better) than its leaders,
masters and teachers. And the
same can be said of the English
- indeed it's manifest in
what we see today. The two
great figures of the West! Only
the French, perhaps, were more
searchingly tried by the lesser
stability of their political life.
Yet I don't know. The evils
which worked amongst us
were more insidious in their
methods.

Our heartfelt sympathy with
Dear Lady Corina in her grief and
anxiety and our best love
to you both
Yours ever
Edward