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Impresional Hotel
Feb 10.

Torquay

Miss Hubbard

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& commissions for one's exiled friends
when England is first reached.

I am too sorry now to think I
troubled you with even a thought for
me, when I hear, with such deep regret,
from Miss Swell that you have
really been ill from over-work & its
necessary worry. Especially as all
my plans & projects are changed by
the Doctors' stern decree. You know

perhaps / I forget whether I told you
that I have just lost my brother
from consumption; other members
of the family in the last 2 generations
have also died of it, & the cause of
my sudden failure of strength in N. York
& fearful emaciation turns out to be
unsuspected tubercular mischief in
the right lung. I only trouble you with
this long story to explain why it is

out of the question that I should ever
think of any appointment. I am
only allowed to speak to my friends
upon sufferance. The doctor said he
wished he could sew up my mouth like
a caddis-worm's! I am already busy for
the 'Times' & I have my own Natal book
going through the press, but I am hardly
allowed to write on account of the sleeping
& it tires me so, to stand. We remain
here for a fortnight, then Beaumont
after that London in April, where I have to