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The High House

Brook Green

25 Sept. 1899

Dear Lady Strachey,

I enclose a statement of the sum now due to me; and a blank form to be filled up & returned to me in case you have not still that which I sent you once. I have no doubt that you have had plenty of news of James from Avonmore Road, but you will not be sorry to hear from me that he works very steadily, and tells me that he is beginning to feel more at home. Both the High Master & Mr Pantin are very properly impressed with him. In the matter of games

I do not propose to press him; I am sending him to the gymnasium (which he seems to like) twice a week, and to flag five by way of outdoor exercise; and when the school bath is in order he will be able to begin to learn to swim, but that will not be yet. Football is at any rate postponed for a year. I have put him to sleep next to the captain of the dormitory, whom I believe to be a very kindly person, with some sense of responsibility. He does not volunteer remarks, but does not look otherwise than comfortable now; his first evening I own that I was nearly as frightened as he looked! I suppose that you will all

be back in London in a very few days now; you must be sorry to leave that beautiful place; I hope that it has done you all good, and in particular that Sir Richard is getting back his strength. I wonder how the Frenchman's visit went off: if he enjoyed himself as much as I did it must have been a success from one person's point of view at least. With kind regards to you all,

I am  
Yours very sincerely,  
Robert F. Cholmeley