

the only reason. - I ~~cannot~~ ^{could} not
give you all my notes without
saying things about myself of which
it is better to say nothing. The
result is enough to convince I
do not feel up to lecturing &
do not think that I shall ever
be up to it. - If I were to lecture
I do not think that I could
give the kind of lecture that is
obviously desirable. - ~~as~~ I
might have said this before; but
I was thrown from it & was

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Warboys

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My dear Sir,

You are very kind. I should
be glad to see you & to meet
my old friends the Miss Gaskells.
And yet I cannot promise to
lecture; nor do I think it at
all probable that I shall be
able to promise hereafter.

I gave you my work as a
reason. It was a nice reason
& sufficient. But it was not

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content to say what was enough for the ~~purpose~~ ^{purpose} -
But I feel now, that you put it to me that
it is best to recognize the facts at once.

I could, as I have hinted, give a commentary which would
make all this clearer but the end would be
the same. I am sorry to have given you so
much trouble & feel ashamed of myself for not
being clearer at once. - Please forgive me.

Yours very truly

Stephen