

strenuous boy - even made a
similar remark about him

If we were exactly what
we ought to be, I suppose the
children wd come up all right
but - the mistakes are so many
we must try & get - the spirit
of fault-finding out of the
heads - I fear that is very
soon blam'd - for this ^{Correction} and to be
done quietly & privately, & let
the pleasant intercourse flow
on undisturbed when we are
together - I unintentionally
read out - what you read about
the carpenter work & Bernard's
face fairly shone at the idea.

As to Clara - it is difficult
to say - I thought of her taking
preliminary work with Miss
Phillips, & then deciding for her
self whether to go on or not.
I'm apt to have some mean-
ing of earning an honourable
living, for we have nothing
to hinder her - & the straits of
those not-prepared for an in-
dependent-life are rare -

As to England - if Eva's wish
was educational, ^{left}, or spiritual
it wd be good for a circuit but it
does not seem so - & the dullness
houses - & quiet life with a little party
going wd be all - & summer does!