

BE SUBSTANTIALLY GREAT IN THY SELF:

Getting to Know C.E.W. Bean;
Barrister, Judge's Associate, Moral Philosopher

APPENDIX IX

**CEW Bean's Correspondence from Thoby
and Adrian Stephen, 1905-1907**

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**I. CEW Bean's Endorsed Envelope of "Last letters" from JT
Stephen.**

The Bean Papers include an envelope endorsed in Charles Bean's hand: *"Last letters from my old schoolmate J.T. Stephen. He died shortly after sending the last of these, of typhoid contracted in Greece. He was the son of Leslie Stephen, & had a distinguished Cambridge career"*.

The envelope is addressed, presumably in Thoby Stephen's hand, to: *"Charles E.W. Bean Esq, / Judges Chambers/ Supreme Court/ Sydney NSW"*. The words *Judges Chambers/Supreme Court* have been deleted, and the envelope readdressed to: *22 Kellet Street/ Darlinghurst*. The envelope has been postmarked *August 06*; *Sp 5 06*; and *Sydney 6 Sp 06*.

II. Letters of Thoby Stephen to Charles Bean (with one to Jack Bean)

1. Letter dated 29 January 1905 addressed to *My Dear Charles* on the letterhead of 46 Gordon Square, Bloomsbury.
2. Letter dated 23 October 1905 on the letterhead of 46 Gordon Square, Bloomsbury, reporting that Thoby had spent the last three months in a solicitors' office; cheekily suggesting that *solicitors know no law*; playfully asking Charles whether he had come across any Stephens in Sydney (and whether they looked like a figure sketched in the letter); and (with or without serious intent is unknown) remarking, *By the way I am possibly going to give up law and shall possibly become an Artist*.

3. An undated two page letter speaking of Thoby's own experience as a law student and remarking, "I hold the law a most fascinating pursuit".
4. An undated scrap of paper (two sides) addressed to "Dear Jack", apparently declining a dinner invitation on the basis that Thoby was working in a solicitor's office and could not get away, trying to make a good impression.
5. An undated letter recording, "I was called to the bar this day" [Thoby was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple on 27 June 1906].

III. Letter of Adrian Stephen reporting Thoby's death

A letter dated 29 September 1907 (written from 29 Fitzroy Square, W.) addressed by Adrian Stephen to "Dear Bean" reported to Charles Bean the death of Thoby Stephen on 20 November 1906 from typhoid.