

Maplewood farm. Friday
 Mamma Sept 7th

Dear Mr. William

I have just received
 your note of Thursday & am glad
 to know that you found all
 well in the house. We made
 a hot but delightful journey
 here, especially the drive from
 Westport as the scenery is most beautiful.
 Eric is perhaps a little thinner but
 I think a healthier colour than he had
 before he left Montreal - he cuts
 pretty well - talks very much - is quite
 interested in reading, photography & the

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news of the day. & altho' his appetite
 & wellness may, upon the whole I
 believe the medical men will be
 surprised to find what educated,
 intelligent, care in the practical applica-
 tion of hygienic principles to every
 part of his system can effect, i.e.,
 if they have discommunt to discover
 that his devoted mother has done
 & not ascribe the merit of his con-
 dition to this medicine & good
 air alone. Whether such attentions
 may ultimately be the means of aver-
 coming the disease or only prolonging life
 no one can pretend. Anna, by Dr. Bablon's
 advice

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has decided to remain here
 for some time yet. She must
 come to Montreux before long but
 she thinks it wiser to postpone till
 the family are more settled. So Eric
 & I intend to return Monday or
 perhaps Tuesday - if we defer till
 Tuesday I will telegraph, but
 pray let us manage for ourselves
 & not put under the burden
 of being obliged for fear of alarming
 you, to come by a particular train.
 We can surely find our way to
 the Bannacker station together
 without guidance!

& we are like weathers is hailed faster
 even if very hungry. We had a charm-
 ing drive today - not only is the
 scenery the finest I have seen but
 the variety & beauty of the trees is lovely
 It is however smoky & if rain or
 change of wind should thus the air
 there will induce us to stay a day
 longer to take another drive & this
 we are assured. We are
 having endless talks about the
 arrangements, education &c for
 the other children. Anna Cooks will
 she, Eva & Clara have gone to the
 village & I am left as nurse. So adieu
 your loving Mary Ann.