

Montreal

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(Chem. Laboratory)

Dear Anna,

I have received your postal card and am sorry to hear that the basket went astray. Rankine is too much of a swell to send off in charge of baskets anyway and I noticed that when he got into the car he left the basket at one end and went to sit at the other. The basket contained peaches and a jar of jelly (?) from your mother, also a parcel of dad's figs and some more California grapes. I tied a paper over the top and wrote on it Mrs Harrington, Westport. (Fruit). The basket was a round one that I found in the cupboard in our room.

I thought all night long last night of you and Eric and of trying to come to some conclusion as

to what was best to be done; but  
it is a very difficult question to  
decide.

On the whole I think it will be  
best for you to take lodgings for  
yourself and Eric for the present  
and meantime we can see what  
can be done about the Sanitarium.  
Possibly you could do something  
in the matter through Mrs. Trudeau  
or Dr. Hance (or Mrs. Hance) and  
your father will <sup>try to</sup> get Dr. Crank as  
Deane of the medical faculty to use  
his influence with Trudeau.

Of course the great difficulty in  
the matter will be that Hance  
seems to consider the case as  
one in which they can do nothing  
at the Sanitarium. Failing getting  
access to the Sanitarium Eric might  
still remain at Saranac if he  
were improving or not growing worse.  
and then the question would arise  
as to whether you should remain  
with him all the time or return  
to town and go out to see him  
every few weeks. In either case  
I do not think it would be right

to leave him to himself entirely as Rankine recommends, but it might be possible to get him into some town where there were kind people who would undertake to care for him or else to send out someone from here if a suitable person could be found.

On the other hand should E grow much worse we should have to consider whether we could not bring him nearer to or into town. Rankine says that it would be "positively criminal" to bring him among the other children, but on the pretext of giving him greater quiet we could possibly set quarters somewhere near (I mean in town).

Meantime there is the bare possibility that Saranac air may prove beneficial. These are the results of last night's reflection, but they are of course subject to modification on hearing further from you or on discussing the matter further here. Mrs. Molson is coming to see me about it on Saturday morning.

I hope you may make some pleasant

acquaintances so that the place  
may not seem so utterly desolate.

The, housemaid has left the  
hospital and is very anxious to  
come back and I think we  
shall take her back after she  
has rested for a little while at  
her sister's. I think she came out  
of the hospital too soon.

Con has two holidays owing to  
a meeting of the Teachers Association  
and is consequently in great glee.  
He and Bernard are spectators at  
a foot-ball match on the college  
grounds this afternoon and I must  
go down shortly and hunt them up.

I shall send you more money  
to-morrow or next day. Rankin's  
expenses I paid.

I must attend to my class.

Ever your fond Bernard

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