

Baby's health
"Bill"?

Montreal

Tuesday, June 30 / 96

Dear Anna,

Letters from you

Yesterday and again to-day. It is very good of you to keep me posted when you are so busy.

Kemp's statements with regard to Baby are certainly not reassuring but evidently he knows little about such cases beyond the fact of their great gravity. This indeed is what we have to face and I only wish I could face it with my old hopefulness, but that is gone. Deeks has gone to England, but I shall try to see Browne within a day or two and have a talk with him. Millie has just

been in and got the white
Cape that you wanted to have.
She wished me to thank you
for the "character" that you
sent her.

It is impossible for me to tell
how long I shall be here now.
Mr. Taylor has so many irons
in the fire that it is difficult
to get as much time from him
as I should like. This morning
his time is entirely taken up with
other people.

McLeod was anxious that I
should join in "lecturing" the
Astronomer Royal at 1 p.m. to-day,
but I declined, feeling that this
morning was gone and that I
should lose too much of the
afternoon. I have the feeling
— perhaps foolish — that you
may want me at Paris at any
moment and therefore wish to
see as much as possible done

here, so that Taylor may be able to go out alone.

One of Hamilton's daughters has just had appendicitis (I think her name is Mand. She suffered greatly, but they did not operate and she is now rapidly recovering. Surely a fresh supply of microbes must have been let loose.

Yesterday I sent Ruth the labels and cards that she wanted and hope that they will answer her purpose. I also ordered one of Meynman's stories to be sent down for Clara's special delectation.

The influx of neighbours must be a great annoyance to you but I suppose there is no help for it. When I get down I shall have to do policeman for you.

The letter that you sent up was one from Lansing Lewis with regard to Mrs Carpenter's money and I enclose ^{it} so that you

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you may read it and let me
know what you think about
the matter. I do not know
whether he includes in the
\$2500 the amt for Rankine -
which of course you could
not take over. So far as I can
see the scheme is a good one
for Mrs Carpenter and not
likely to be disadvantageous to
us, considering that the legacy
duty amounts to 10 p.c. On the
other hand we should have
to give Mrs C. six per cent
and would not be getting more
than 4 or 5 p.c. in all probability
for the money.

Sincerely yours

Bernards

Please return Lewis' letter.
Remember that the Helleborus is
poisonous.

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