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My dear Anna,

If all goes well,
I suppose that the operation
in Clara's case will soon come
off & I trust that, if so, we
may soon have a good report of
it. There seems to be absolutely
nothing for it in such an
event but to take the best
possible advice in the matter
& act upon it, & such advice
I am confident that we have. It
will I hope be a great relief
when it is over & the recurrence
of the trouble has been definitely

anxiety, & it is very well
 that Clara should be so plucky
 about it, for had it been otherwise
 one would have felt more in
 doubt.

I hope that you will send any
 news you care to let us know
 what is going on & particularly
 to inform us of the successful
 completion of the operation under
 good circumstances, to which one
 may look forward, I think, with
 every confidence. You might
 tell Clara that I think she is
 very brave & good about it, if
 you think it well to do so.
 Father's hope is keeping as well
 as usual, at least, & I do not
 resign the hope that he may get

Get over these attacks & regain in some time
 such vigour as his years may render possible. These
 attacks certainly seem to be less serious than before,
 although he has never recovered from that he had soon
 after returning from Mexico.

Don't fail to let me know at once if there should
 be any war in which I could be of the slightest
 assistance

Yours
 Jeoffrey

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