

Very good  
letter - a  
summing up  
of the doctor's  
treatment of  
Eric.

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Dearest Bernard

I am writing  
this from the paper found  
in Montreal, if you stop over  
there at all. I have had a  
very anxious, & lonely time here  
though as regards place ac-  
commodation, I feel me certainly  
of not be better in this night-  
hazard. But the more I think  
of it the more I am dissatis-  
fied with the doctors & the  
more I feel anxious to have some  
more directions about Eric-  
Birket apparently, only considering  
himself responsible for the throat  
& w<sup>h</sup> continue to treat that mem-  
ber, while some other complaint  
was the real complaint, without  
heeding it - which seems to me to be  
sinking the man rather to <sup>much</sup> in the  
specialist =

How the doctor explains having  
carefully examined heart &  
lungs & finding all right, I don't  
know - for it is perfectly evident  
this trouble, & the accompanying  
fever has been on Eric for  
months past. I never knew that  
daily chill & fever went with  
disease of the lungs - or I sh<sup>d</sup> not  
have been thus put off & how  
you ever also so ignorant, I  
don't know - As to Brascome he  
is less to blame - I as I told  
you was most kind, but  
even he examined Eric & found  
nothing wrong with the lungs  
& it was not till a second  
visit; when I said, Did you take  
his temperature - that he seemed  
to awake - I then called in the  
doctor - I both agreed there was  
disease there - Very evident, &  
active, as the daily fever attests.  
but, why so hard to detect if  
it had reached any great extent  
& if not, I can't help feeling some  
might be done - neither of them  
have given special attention  
to lung troubles, & I do not know

of persons who has, unless your friend Stewart  
I think the one with Distilling, who I have been  
acting promptly, I will never resemble, can only  
has been in consequence of the same cause. As for  
wills, Dr. Madden the short-tempered conventionalist  
has not - however, has a somewhat more true idea  
of practicality than you, as I have been told, &  
that, one way or another, if you come to this point, I will  
is that you do not see the same of both with the  
a statement - & the case from here, I expect that  
you are on the same of my wanting the Dr. here  
need not do so, though I understand him in  
then I think you certainly might be  
good to him, than just now, or  
wells - you might also see the high - I  
Dr. Madden - I have seen a Dr. Madden  
have been a process to come for him  
wells of him.

Practically Woods of Walden have  
under receive Walden - I expect  
over that there have been a  
2 in of 2 - I think a day of a 5<sup>th</sup> 22  
have been a day of a 5<sup>th</sup> 22

now. I can see for myself that this sort of thing  
can be of little avail unless, albeit vicariously  
or administered according to its circumstances -  
that not even know, the I show not in it - that  
I - is much better given in the interstices  
of years - we also know, occasional large doses  
are given with good effect - but I cannot  
have things withered - more knowledge than  
I possess, or advice - I sometimes saw water  
with them also, for not giving me a solid  
interjection which I had less a thought  
of previous long. oblate or give me, I may  
am quite capable of carrying out, I may I

or more careful attention that I think events  
has prophecy for inspiration is the very good  
time that divine inspiration from the great water  
the whole disturbance? I cannot be helped  
is it in fact renewable for the love of prophets  
the long house - I may be wrong, but I think

view he suffered from <sup>indigestion</sup> the  
fact there was any other trouble  
& certainly his lack of appetite,  
& not properly assimilating  
his food, must greatly inter-  
fere with any improvement.  
I ought to be carefully conside-  
red of health with on its own  
account. - He is taking  
some preparation of creosote in  
capsules, & has taken some  
Lactopeptin powders also. I have  
not observed any good effect from  
either, certainly nothing decided.  
Very possibly the liver may be  
accountable for this. I do fancy it  
quite probable, from the some-  
what irregular condensation of his  
bowels & occasional biliousness.

The heat here is excessive.

90° & 94° heat certainly no day,  
not feel it as we wd in town but  
free joints it trying & it also pre-  
vents his care to eat. & this is a  
main point, for strength & flesh he  
has already lost so much of.

At least - Dr Stewart is a man  
of sound sense & careful habits  
& he is inclined to give clear  
instructions, & to credit one with  
some intelligence.

I have sent Braune <sup>since coming here</sup> two  
copies of the daily chart of  
Eric's temperatures wh you  
might get - that I fancy is the  
main clue - I have all here  
since first we began taking  
them & I send it - with this  
but fear its mis-carrying or my  
wanting it - here, if I have to ap-  
pear to Dr Washburn:

Another thing that has oc-  
curred to me is, whether some of  
that St. Raphaelle might <sup>not be an</sup>  
assistant to Eric's <sup>& digestive</sup> <sup>disturbance</sup> <sup>of these "toxins" but we like to know</sup>  
of course were willing of the  
kind can be had. I have a  
bottle of whiskey & a little brandy.

As to money. I will pay out  
nearly if not - quite all, I mean  
on Wed, when I intend to pay  
for our first - fortnight -  
I have a draft for \$200.00  
on the bank of N. Y. - which the  
Montreal bank assured they  
had an agency - here, but it has  
not; & I can only swage it - by  
getting it - from a stockbroker  
here who is to give me the per-  
\$100.00 he has, & a note for the  
rest. which my host - counselled  
us to take instead of money - but  
that seems to me a rather stupid  
process, & if you bring some money  
with you the draft need not  
be used - Also when I found this  
difficulty, papa arranged with  
our the broker to receive every  
cheque I sent him & return it  
as a P. O. order - so that is well  
enough - Your bank book is in  
the pigeon hole in the left hand side  
of the desk. & if the two bank books  
the children & camp pr. obtaine they will  
be there also: The tin box, I did not  
send to safe keeping, as I was here before  
for I got yr. letter =



As you see by the above certificate  
sent of the physician. I have had  
time to think out here what I had  
not in town, Everything was in a  
whirl, & it was like a time of war,  
when one had to hurriedly do the  
best one could & rush to the next urgent  
matter - I do not see any great  
change in Eric since coming here -  
He just seemed to collapse when  
all he was keeping up for in the  
Western scheme fell through, & I have  
no doubt he was far overtaxing his  
strength for long before. The patient  
endurance with which he has kept  
on doing his daily duties till they  
became impossible is wonderful.  
With such a spirit, though quiet & un-  
aggressive, he wd have had no diffi-  
culty in making his way. He is equal  
to nothing, just lies about all day,  
the least exertion using him up. Then  
again I cannot believe he is better to  
be thus quiet, or is exercise however  
little useful. Dr Blackader is another  
man who though not to my taste, is really  
careful & will study a case & not give it  
up, or shut it off.

WV