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 Sad Continually that she
 has such calm, untroubled
 just that she has life & all
 she carries into it is a
 weight by her father in
 her. Everywhere she
 looks she has no
 such sorrow.
 With all these love to you
 my love & Am-her
 your affectionate
 Mother

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received it here either on the 18th or 19th.
 I am sure a free day as she did not hang
 heavy on her hands altho' it was pleasant
 to me to imagine you as having a plea-
 surable an experience. I desire you
 were planning of routes & I hope they
 will work out successfully, all the
 more so, for having time to arrange them.

Up to the present we are all well
 here & with the measure of responsibility
 we have about Anna's young folks

each night - thus they are safe in bed
 without illness or accident is Cause
 for thanksgiving. Putter is staying with
 us & is as obedient, kind & useful as
 any child ~~at~~ he, got it is easy to see that
 a home so monotonous as ours wd not be
 acceptable without the relief of daily Com-
 panionship with the other children.

Rankine, I fear is awfully likely to be
 correct in his opinion of the pulmonary inheritance
 His diagnosis of Eric's Case is confirmed
 by Bernard now that he has joined Anna
 & Eric & has heard the opinions of a nice
 painstaking, sensible & sincere local medical
 man, who has made an examination
 of Eric's lungs - he finds disease well estab-
 lished & in an advanced stage - he is too
 weak to bear a journey to the N.W. or any other

distant place, indeed it is plain that
 he has given up all hope of permanent
 amusement. His digestion too is so weak
 that there great difficulty in nourishing
 him, & his strength wasted so that a drive
 of six or eight miles is too fatiguing.
 Fortunately they are, in most things, ex-
 tremely comfortable where they are - the
 changeableness of the temperature is against
 him, but for what we observe in the papers
 that seems to be wide spread & the Characteristic
 of this summer. In a letter received
 from B. they are all comforted by hearing
 that Eric is very cheerful & quite interested
 in reading &c for this makes every thing easier
 to bear - He requires constant attention &
 waiting upon. In a previous letter he said
 that he was astonished & pained to find

Anna do this & wear but he now thinks
 that she has improved since she had
 him to share her anxiety. I wd. willingly
 go to her altho' I know I cannot do much,
 nor wd. I think of doing so unless Bernard
 was here, but by the time he comes Eva's
 visit will be approaching, but I foresee
 no difficulty in Eva & me going before we
 settle in town. Papa has also written
 to Rankine suggesting that when he
 has finished his engagements with the
 Tranches he shd go to give his advice, but
 in two ways it wd be still better if Clara were
 to go, she is a helpful girl & she herself needs
 her Mother's watchful trained eye. She is so
 languid & listless & her Conscience so gray
 that she continually reminds me of Eric & how
 long pained just what Rankine predicts that
 deep heartaches are in it? near future. Oh I thank