

visit - with scarcely an opportunity
 for a quiet talk, has been to me
 all engrossing. & as her passage
 is engaged for the 28th, by the
 Van Courtes, I hate to take lose
 any minute of her unoccupied
 time. She is thin but looking
 well & bright - not disturbing
 her mind about her two
 little girls left with Clara -
 at Mrs Atkin's. Egerton House.
 Mrs Peter Atkin has had a serious
 attack of peritonitis & altho' better
 & removed to Moffat. Scotland.

She suffers pain & rarely can get sleep unless she takes morphia.

Mr P. A. is much occupied with Ellen & Emily who have whooping cough. Anna & Eric are still at Coarswall's Adirondacks. She wishes to take P. to Saranac. to get advice fr Dr Trudeau. who has a sanitarium there for Consumption & who she thinks wd be the best fitted to direct as to where he shd go for the winter. She must also come to Montreal for a few days to streigthen things here. & so far as we can see at present it is likely

that I shall have to go as soon
 as Eric comes, to fill his place
 in the care of Eric, until she
 returns. Bernard himself is not
 feeling well & I do not like to
 add to his being near E. This is
 all very sad but taking things
 day by day the burden is more
 than one can bear. Rankine writes
 that he may be in Montreal on
 the 8th or 10th Oct: but I fear he
 has no intention of remaining.
 He seems charmed with the high-
 low hood of Victoria. I only wish

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he saw his way clear to
settle there — the greatest Com=
fort there could be added to our
lines would be to know that he
had given up speculation
& a rising "jobbing" life for
one of peaceful industry. He
pleads the excuse of poverty, but
I would willingly give him more
all that would fall to him in
any district to have the satisfaction
of seeing him settled. I have
spoken

to paper about such an arrangement, at same time advising that a legal bond shd be made dictating terms & that you shd be fully informed — indeed consulted as to terms under wh: he shd be bound. This is first thought so please consider it confidential & private for the present. It is drawing near the end of Will's summer work he is to give over the "Lansdowne" at Picton at the beginning of October.

We have heard fr him at
 rare intervals & that chiefly
 thro' Florence & I have not
 once written to him. — of wh: I
 am ashamed. He has had
 many difficulties — the weather
 has been exceptionally changeable.
 His month's pleasures & chares,
 I sh^d think, altho at present we
 are having rain & high brown
 winds — I suppose equinoctial.
 Florence is safely back to Ottawa

where I expect ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~will~~ ^{will} be
 sent to school. The whole tide
 of our folks here veered against
 Janomeres they are so changeable
 & often unsatisfactory. After much
 discussion both Clara & Ruth
 have been sent to Trappely as
 Courad to the High School. A Miss
 Baker, who took charge of the family
 at Inlet, teaches Bernard & Lois at
 home. E. & I are occupied looking for
 a nurse for the little ones & a housemaid
 for myself. As Jessie, our present girl, is
 about to be married. I do our domestic bread
 mill steadily turn. & the Miss Lips aim