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Dearest Bill,

I am so sorry to hear that you have not been well. Do try to get leave. This would be a splendid place to recruit. We are delighted with it - just got here this eve. I had hoped to go to Hursley & spend the night with May but poor Benning got an attack of asthma. I shall go there on the way back. She has taken a little farm house. Charlie [Bath] [Mrs. Osborne's son] is doing well, but I cannot get from her how much deformity there will be. I fear poor chap the lower frontal region is much smashed. He had a very narrow escape.

I heard this week from Bea [Francis] & Gwen [Andras] - both very happy. Bea is evidently quite herself again. Grace had a letter from Jim [Francis] this a.m. - back at base. Poor laddie I do hope all will go well with him. What a fine soldier he is. It would do you good to have Phoebe [Wright] assigned as your nurse. I hope it is not your heart that has gone wrong! Venus is devoted to Mars!

The old girl got back & the catalogue has been making good progress but it is a big job. I have been reading some of the medicated novels. I want the B. literaria to be very strong.

Let us hear how you are soon & come at once to us if you get leave.

Yours,

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