

(Handwriting)

(From W. O. to Rev. Herbert C. Gwyn)

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Better show your mother this letter. I only saw the sample today which decided matters. Norman has just been in about it.

Dear Herbert:

Norman tells me that they have found tubercle bacilli in the sample you gave me - the first one. This confirms McKenzies suspicions that the trouble is serious, & explains its chronic course & resistance to all treatment. The only thing to do, under these circumstances, is to face the music, & take the climatic measures, necessary to fight the disease. Of all places the Adirondacks is the most suitable & gives the best prospect of permanent cure. Dr. Trudeau is a personal friend of mine and will do everything for you.. You will be able in a year to undertake some work - tutoring &c & the class of people who go there in the summer give an opportunity for remunerative work in that line. You must not however feel in any way hampered about the t.s.d. That will be arranged. With lungs healthy - so far as we can judge - the outlook should be very good.. Cheer up your mother - who will of course feel very badly about it, but good may come of it. & let us be thankful that the condition is not worse.. I have written t Dr. Trudeau & to Mr. Baldwin. I will write again so soon as I hear from D<sup>r</sup> T. To know ones enemy is half the battle & you have an A.l. constitution.

Your affec uncle  
Willie