

1002 Shubrook St.  
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My dear Mr Harrington,

Thank you for your sympathy  
with us in our trouble. The  
Eed was sudden and, although  
we knew that the attacks  
were dangerous, yet we did  
not look for the end yet. I  
thought, that, though the poor  
lad's mind was going in the  
last year, & particularly in  
the last few months, yet  
in all probability he would  
live for several if not many  
years. - We cannot wish

him back again, as he is saved  
from a life of helplessness  
& much sadness, but I think  
that we feel his death more than  
we should have felt that  
of any of the others. - The whole  
mystery of his life & death  
is one of those things which  
we must accept. - There is nothing  
to be said. -

I hope to see Poppy on his  
return. - I saw Blachader  
who told me that he had  
seen him while at Miti  
& that he had had another  
attack. The cause & nature  
of these attacks is by no

Mean, clear, and no one  
can say definitely now what  
their true character is or  
what they may result in  
eventually. I cannot look upon  
them myself, from what I have  
seen of them & of Poppy, as  
indicative of structural disease  
in the brain or its membranes.  
They are, I think, functional,  
in ~~other words~~ other words, due  
to some cerebral irritation, which  
occurs with great intensity  
at the time and whose force  
is soon spent. - The irritation  
is probably, cortical, or on  
the ~~convexity~~ <sup>convexity</sup> of the brain & in  
the grey matter. - This is not a



very definite way of speaking  
but it may help you to understand  
my view of the case. Cases of  
this sort cannot often be des-  
cribed with the accuracy of  
Pneumonia or Phthisis. There  
is the difficulty of locating the  
irritation in the brain and  
also of specifying the kind  
of irritation. The constitutional  
or inherited peculiarities of  
the individual also have a  
great influence in determining  
how the irritation shall manifest  
itself. I do not think that  
it would be any advantage  
for him to remain longer in  
Milis than you at present intend.

he has been there long enough  
to get all the good possible  
from the sea - air and out  
of door life, and as the days  
grow short, the nights grow  
cold & you may have a  
great deal of wet weather  
which could not do him good.  
So far, this month has been  
almost unpleasantly cold  
here. - Of course we shall  
still have some warmer  
weather later, but it is  
not likely to be oppressive.  
Part of my family has  
returned & the rest are  
expected next Saturday. -

When you return, we shall  
try to sift out Poppy's  
scraptures & give you  
some thing I hope more  
definite to go upon. —

Believe me  
with kindest regards  
Yours very sincerely  
Arthur Moore

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