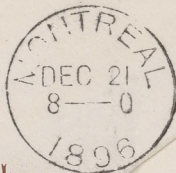


Dec/96 -
Father attacks
Mother going away
Ruth Xmas gifts with cheque.



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My dear Anna,
Many thanks for
your kind letter recd.
yesterday. I am glad to know
that mother got safely off under
conditions which should be
suitable, & really don't
know how you managed to
supervise the arrangements with
so much on hand. I felt
quite helpless in the matter
but when I got back here, thought
I should have been able to
do something. As for the

Results I don't know that
 they are likely to be great, but
 mother seemed so strongly to
 wish for the change that it
 would have been a pity if
 she had been prevented from
 trying it. I hope that Father
 will not suffer. - Of course
 the only real fear is that
 one of those attacks from
 which he suffers might occur
 when no one is at hand.

About Quilts & Christmas
 presents - I really cannot
 decide what is best at
 this distance, but am

Enclosing a Cheque which you will perhaps be
 so kind as to dispose of to the best advantage
 in my interest. you might offer part to
 the older children if you like & then let Ruth
 hunt up some gifts for the younger ones &
 some small trifle for Mrs Carpenter, from the
 balance. Father & Mother are helpless & I
 abandon the attempt!
 You might let me know when Mother is
 likely to return. I have not yet made

any definite plans about going to Montreal
 but must I suppose do or do not.

Yours
 George