

Rideau Club,
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My dear Anna,

I had very little chance
of talk with you during my
late short visit to Montreal,
but I wish to say that you must
call on me if I can be of any
assistance to you in your
plans. — I refer particularly
to your educational projects
for the children, & I shall be
glad to know that Clara is to
continue her singing lessons etc
if you think it advisable
& useful. — I shall be very

pleased to be accountable for
them if you can arrange the
matter. Please let me know.

I do not feel that I can
usefully intervene in regard to
plans for John & Mother unless
something can be proposed in
view of all the circumstances.
Whether it would be advisable to
plan for another month at Com
or elsewhere I do not know, but
I shall be glad to be advised.
On the way back here I had
a look at the Coladonia Springs
locality. It is very flat, but
with roads & woods & easily
reached from Montreal. If
F. could feel that the waters were an

advantage he might be content there for a time. It might be worth writing to the hotel to ask dates & how long it will be open for visitors. — probably very few people would be there in the next few weeks & food quarters might thus easily be arranged for. It is a pity that F. should be so downhearted & notional, but this no doubt arises from lack of occupation & interest. It should be possible to occupy him now in conversation on general subjects & to guide & if necessary check

his introspective tendency. In other words, it seems to me he requires to be checked a little & prevented from turning so much on his own complaints & ideas. He has been accustomed to taking a leading part in things, but now he seems to require to be given a lead rather than to be followed in his views.

Yours
George.