

2.45 P.M.

295 University St.  
Wed. June 5<sup>th</sup>

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My dearest Mother,

just a line to tell you  
 that Dr Blackader finds it absolutely  
 necessary that they should tap  
 grandmother's <sup>stomach</sup> lump because of the  
 amount of the fluid there is -  
 Dr Findlay & Dr Roddick both  
 agree that it must be done.  
 Dr Blackader has put it off  
 as long as possible as he knows  
 what an especial shock a  
 thing of that kind would be  
 to grandmother. There is not a  
 great deal of pain in connection

with it as they use Cocaine

with it - as they use cocaine (I  
don't know how you spell it -).  
The nurse thought that f. h. -  
looked better this morning -  
Uncle William is here for  
the afternoon & was dead  
keen to take the entire family  
to a missionary exhibition -  
He is really pathetic in his  
efforts of diverting our minds.  
He wrote me a letter after he  
left here on Monday that might  
have been written to a child of  
five telling me how if I endeavored  
to relieve Clare in any possible  
way he was sure I would never



upset it - & especially so as I was going  
away. As though the idea never would  
occur to me! Even Clare admitted it  
to be a most "bristley" kind of letter -  
Clare is hors de combat at present - so  
that I am very glad to be here & find I  
can achieve <sup>from</sup> her a good deal of running.  
Did Father say that old Mr Blake had  
had a stroke or was dead? Please ~~you~~  
could you let me know for I want  
to write to Mrs Blake, & cannot tell  
I know that.

All the rest of the family are  
well -

Much love to you both.

Ruth.

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