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Dearest B. Thanks for your long letter. It is grievous that your holiday should be spoiled, & your mother made so sad by R. I still believe that there is some future restoration for him - but it wd be a great relief if he wd break his leg, or meet with some calamity that he wd touch & hear with fortitude. I fear sympathy is not good for him, did you see, as Dr La F. - seen the Bermuda paper, if so I did not hear of it.

The 2nd class seems so far off - I do have got a berth in the Lake Union for the 10th but hope was against my taking it, & you had objected to my leaving it - so I did not like to - but if you called to me I might still walk into it. Two or three the Belg. walt ran round an open drain under the cabin sofas & that they all felt sick after being caudled & every one said she rolled badly however these are small things I greatly enjoyed the way of my life & I think I shall do if it was life & matter so I thought I had better not be absolutely uncomfortable, I was I carry about the Manchester for it wd have been quiet & slow. Con. is much on my mind now. Today he will be beginning his new phase of life - & I trust you have good hope of his taking it as serious hold of life. I am much more inclined to it - not so certainly as you

as good for him at present.
A new book by James F. Howard says the
great need of modern civilization is
something of a moral nature to give
the stimulus to humanity that war
gives - & replace the passionate
devotion of the old monks, which
has ceased to be a great factor in
life" - "Go me the Sal. Army - the
deacons, the nurses whom of
high ideals. & true missionaries
represent this - It certainly is the
great-need - "Faith which gives
Victory"

I do hope you feel rested &
to some extent able for the new
cycle of strife - When one sees the
the duty to be thankful to be able
& willing to work & if need be fight
even to the end - If the old lady 298
for a temporary how matter simply
must move in to us pro tempore.
Have you any idea how Mrs. Laid.
your mind is about this matter
you will have to speak about it as
soon as you go up. It is odd but
is soon as the addition was settled
I so often thought of her in that
room in a wheeled chair, & I
could not think how absurd Mrs. L.
will never be like that. I could not
like her to think we were manipulating
now she is an invalid. But include
me heartily & absolutely in anything
think right - I rest
I am very, about - Laid. I

have been thinking quite happily
of her in the cottage among all
the chicks - I never have heard
whether you had a piano or not
I am very pleased that Mrs
Blake has taken to our girls, she
belongs to such a nice set, & I
used to enjoy Toronto so much
when I was young & visited
there. Clare is a jewel - Really
when one thinks of our blessed
little Edith & Clare & Ruth, we
have great cause to be thankful
& take courage about the others.

There is a large family here, &
all the boys are turning out so
well & satisfactory, & their mother
says she never found difficulty
or anxiety about any of them, but
our friends are well aware, her
daughters notwithstanding
wifely, & unobtrusive, & unassuming
Is not that odd? The boys seem

to me so much more of a problem.

The lovely weather I
can't think how a letter should
have wandered like that I don't
know, I have got mine quite pretty
By the way I wrote a note to
Dr Brauer a while back just
thanking him for his good advice
& saying I was pleased to hear
of it I put in here shown very
little gratitude for all his most
solid kindness. & I thought it
just a chance to say my felt grate-
ful -

I did not intend to write
to you today but your letter
just started me. I will
write much more

Clare might give this to G. so
that she need not feel obliged to
show it round. There is nothing
special in it - but one is afraid of
giving offence -