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Dear Rankine,

You will see by this that I am at length permitted to sit up a few hours daily and to take pen in hand once more. I have had a pretty severe shaking; but thank God that the doctors report the lung symptoms gone and cure and air alone needed. Dr Blachader has been my physician, being in the house attending Mamma when I was taken ill, and has proved most conscientious and careful in his attention to the case.

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Crack and Stewart however  
came very frequently with  
him. The former I am  
sorry to say is himself  
in poor health and  
has for some days been  
confined to the house,  
Poor Pop, as you may  
have heard, is gone.

By a letter received  
yesterday from Eva, we  
learned of your being  
in Paris but she does  
not give your address there,  
so I have to write to  
St George's Club and hope  
they will attend to forward

Mamma and I being  
both much convalescent,  
and the severe weather  
approaching (though up to  
this time it has been  
unusually mild & fine)  
the doctors advise us  
both to go south about  
the end of this month.  
Our present choice is  
Savannah in Georgia as  
being very acceptable  
and sufficiently warm  
and having some of the  
comforts of civilization.

I see you have drawn  
for £200. before leaving  
London, and hope you  
have received my letter.

to care of St George's club,  
authorizing you to draw  
for £100 more. My calcula-  
tion is that the sum  
you have may last till  
the reaches you at least,  
and I can without  
detriment to ourselves  
leave money here to  
meet two drafts for  
£50 each. I shall be  
glad however to know  
so soon as you have made  
any plans, what they  
are, and shall do  
all that I can to  
aid. So soon as it  
is certainly settled where  
we are to be for the winter  
I shall inform you, so that  
you may write direct;

but in any case letters  
sent to Montreal will  
be forwarded. I trust dear  
Nan knew that God will  
guide you to a wise plan  
for your future life; and  
if you decide to return here  
we shall all receive you with  
open arms, though when  
we return Mamma and I  
may be less able to help  
than we were. We trust  
however for your welfare and  
ours to the goodness of God  
who has been so kind  
heretofore.

All here are well. Florence  
is expecting to be confined about  
the end of the month. George  
is in daily expectation of a  
recall to London, which however  
is quite uncertain as to date,  
he may not come at

all, Mamma and I  
are justly and as strength  
permits making preparations  
for closing the house for  
the winter.

This is I think the  
longest letter I have yet  
written, and I shall leave  
a little paper in care  
anything new occurs before  
Clary.

With all love from Mamma  
and self, believe me  
Yours ever  
J. M. Dawson