

Father
falling -

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Dear Ranking,

You will no doubt
have heard from Mother that Father
has been much worse since
about Sunday week, Nov. 5th. I
went down to Montreal on
Saturday last (11th) & was distressed
to find him so low & with so many
symptoms of failure. He has not
had any further serious attack, but
seems without any apparent cause
to have become very much weaker &
more helpless. He was so feeble &
drowsy on Monday morning that
I postponed my return to Ottawa

till the afternoon in order to see what Dr Blackadder would say & his report was not at all reassuring, although he held out some hope that the present relapse would be overcome again, there being no symptoms of any kind to indicate trouble either in respiration, heart or kidneys.

For some days, however, Father has slept as drowsed a great part of the time, his articulation has become very imperfect & he cannot leave his bed. This evening I telephoned to Montreal & hear that he is much the same, & I cannot help feeling that if he does not very soon show signs of recuperation he may pass

away before many days. He exhibits, however, a great amount of vitality. On Monday, the 6th, he was very low in the morning, but later in the day occupied himself for a short time in writing some additional notes to a little article on the site of the Sand of Ophir. He had this in hand two weeks ago when I was in Montreal & I sent him a number of the Geographical Journal in which the subject was treated. His notes referred to this article & the additional information it conveyed & he talked very clearly on the subject for a little time last

Sunday.

Please thank Geo. for his very kind letter & also for the photo. of baby, which is most interesting & very pretty.

Yours truly
Geo.