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"To go back to Dr. Chauncey Maher, he seems more anxious about the low condition of my blood than he does the heart. He claims it is not pernicious, but still secondary although bad, but I don't know whom to believe. My weakness does alarm me, although am not so strong as I was two weeks ago. My blood pressure has risen from 100 to 140 which has been normal for me for several years. I'd stay two weeks or a month if Dr. Liddy thought best. We have not written to him. I hope he will not take his vacation in July. I'm tired, very tired and must stop. I love you both and shall not go to Lawrence to make you any trouble, but I don't believe I have much chance to get better unless I have Dr. Liddy who knows my case and doesn't have to start from the beginning again."

It naturally would be better for her here than it would be in Chicago. The only thing in favor of bringing her here would be your opportunity to care for her.

I have previously written them suggesting that she try to secure a room in a Catholic Hospital under the presumption that such a hospital would be more apt to be properly staffed with capable nurses because the Sisters do not receive a salary.

I am writing this to you because I know nothing about her condition excepting the word I get from them. If you feel hopeful that she would respond to your treatment, it might be well for her to come here. Otherwise it would mean one or two trips and if it should be exceedingly hot, it might also be dangerous.

I am not trying to influence you either in favor of her coming or staying away, but I am trying to look at the facts as I see them.

I shall be glad to have you give this letter study and let me know as early as possible. I think it probable that we could secure the same room which she had before.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons.

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