

she'd live twenty four hours!

Dr. M. has been a brick in every, the last way being that she's made all these grand specialists cut their price in half for us. And yesterday, if you please, she told Shirley & me that she wasn't going to charge anything! Imagine it! And she's given up two important operative cases (while Mother was in hourly danger), and had to postpone her sailing for two weeks. And has labored night and day over the case, wearing herself to a frazzle and fighting a bad cold to boot!

fine plan, about going back to the big house. Hope it works out fine!

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Laurie dear:

A sweet note from you today - Do not worry, dear. Mother is definitely out of the woods and well on the road to recovery. She has amazed and delighted all the doctors by her wonderful improvement during the past three days. There will be no operation, and if, when she leaves the hospital, she will persevere in wearing

a supporting belt for the kidney, lying down two hours every afternoon, sleeping with the foot of her bed raised, and drinking quarts & quarts of water every day, she will probably get along without any recurrence of the trouble.

Of course, she'll never be as strong as she was, but at 67 that can hardly be expected. Whether or not it will be safe for her to go to France in the fall is still rather a question.

But maybe it is premature

to look so far ahead. For the immediate future; — she expects to stay in the hospital until next Wednesday, the 19th. Then come down, with her nurse, to the "Cottage" or "Dwarf" Place, where she can have a sunny room & appetizing meals sent up, for about a week longer. Then perhaps, back to me for a few days before going up to Mrs Perkins' summer home at Woodstock, Vermont.

It's wonderful to think of, when only a week ago we hardly thought

first of course. Quat almost tried Hawkey. I believe that
if you are put in with him, your pictures will be made.
You so proud of you! - I remember

is so much better. Have started a
clay bust of Mrs. Bowler (remember
the elderly blind man - friend of
father's?). Am working out a
small model for a pedestal
for the little sun-dial. Will
send a photo of it to Dr. Waring
as soon as it's finished.

Haven't yet heard definitely
from Mrs. Howland about the
armillary sphere sun-dial, so my
summer plans still hang fire.

Mrs. Bauer is out of town this
week, but promises to call me
up next week.

Enclosed this dirty little five
to pay for the view book for Mrs.
Kavalsky - and if you have a spare
copy or two I'd be awfully glad to
have 'em. But big orders must be filled

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Of course, we shall insist on
paying - but it was a very
"gracious gesture", wasn't it?

She's going on a cruise to South
Africa, starting about June 6th
& returning early in October.

But she'll leave all directions
with Dr. Sinclair, the kidney
expert who has watched mother
all through the case, should
any emergency arise.

Two hours later - Have just
had such a nice long call
from Mrs. Hawkins. Laurie,

I am remorseful that I have neglected her so. I haven't seen her at all, since that night shortly after her arrival, when I took her to the Beethoven Association after the concert.

Twice, indeed, I've tried to get her by phone, but she was out both times. And then I just let things drop.

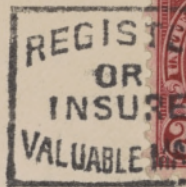
And now I find she's been having a perfectly horrid time with flu, all alone in her little hotel bedroom. And never let me know a word.

She's all over it now, but I

feel badly to think that I might have been of some help to her if only I'd kept in closer touch.

We had a great talk about everything and I think that in spite of the illness & loss of time she doesn't feel her months here have been wasted. She has made contacts and found out a lot of things that will help her if she can back next year - and she has much enjoyed working with Safage - I do like her -

Have been getting back to work again the last few days now that Norton



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