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Eldred is I think on the fair road to recovery. The crisis was reached Saturday & passed safely, his temperature falling nearly three degrees. Sunday night, however, he had a bad attack of heart failure, & they were very alarmed for a time. He is kept in absolute quiet & no one allowed to see him. His mother is scarcely less ill with anxiety & it has been a great comfort to be with her. Though I spent all Saturday & Sunday morning with her & she wished me to thank you very much for your kind remembrances.

I am enclosing a little poem which I thought might do for the message if you saw nothing better and if you thought such a feature necessary. It strikes me as good verse, ~~both~~ well as good doctrine - broadminded & serious without goody-goodyness & therefore in line with the work of the society. I am sure you think I have not helped you as I should with the paper but to feel

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Clinton, Tuesday 12 Jan, 1904

My dear Kees :

I asked my brother-in-law to drop you a line yesterday, which you have no doubt received before this. I am all right again though the doctor wont let me get up till this afternoon. I was pretty sick Sunday night ~~and~~ with chills & fever & sore throat & thought it best to take no chances though indeed they gave me no choice. I am sorry this delay has occurred but assure you will make up for it to the best of ability when I get back. My brother is going to hunt up sources of information in Goderich for me to-day so that I can get the wages schedule in short order to-morrow. He will, of course, say nothing about the matter. I am going to get up this afternoon & go for a walk if they will let me. I had a cold night in the sleeper coming up and my mother & I spent Sunday afternoon in the old house making an inventory & the cold & damp of the place finished the