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My dear Darling Wife

Lucas of the 2<sup>d</sup> came today. I showed wife from Harry's symptoms that he might be really a little better - as long as he throws up bile he is not in a way to recover. - The bile ought to assimilate with the food & it seems to me & Sunny might succeed in correcting this trouble - I have lost a good deal of faith in Dr. C.

Don't worry about me darling, you have enough to care for. I can get along & be comfortable - but not happy. Don't feel that your duty is

met me - I feel as if I ought to be with you to assist. O. dear darling wife I do love you better than all the world. I have about made up my mind that it will be a long time before I see you but I shall love you all the same. I feel that it is almost the greatest trial I have ever had - this separation. Still if our precious boy gets well & strong it will be nothing. I have not seen so very much

of him since he was born, still I love him dearly,  
but dearest my love for you has only increased by  
sharing it with him. If you should find any  
time this month that you could come, do  
so if you wish, I think Henry could remain  
here till May 1<sup>st</sup> & that it would be better  
for him than north, - I am almost afraid  
to have him start while he is so poor in flesh  
and having ups & downs.

Goodnight precious, God bless you both

Henry



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