

Gabriel will be up with for Christmas, so we can have  
his room when Camilla comes.

My dear Douglas.

Forgive a faint Scarlet - I'm  
still half in bed. Hugh is altogether - & would very  
troubled about his health. He's a star <sup>underweight,</sup> <sup>after pneumonia</sup>  
& the Scarlet fever has left his heart, <sup>in a bad way.</sup> Also a pain in his chest when he  
breathes - incipient bronchitis. We've stopped that now,  
I think, & he'll soon be about again. But he'll need  
the utmost care for some weeks. As you know, there is  
no disease more dangerous than S. F. for after effects.  
A chill was brought him again to pneumonia & either  
would have been off quick with his heart in its present state.

Dr. Set up - T. B.

So don't you think he had better stay  
till after Christmas? He's not as though he were

going back to School, alas. Or rather, if he were at  
School, he certainly wouldn't go back this term.

We're getting cream down here, or a fair bit of  
cod-liver oil, only he's so little affected.

Such a lovely companion, fine & quick & so  
sensitive. As he was when he was a baby, a Pokky was  
wound about him, saying he was too sensitive to stand  
the racket. He's that one fears.

Anyhow - remember you asked for our opinion  
Gabriel endures every word of this - he's worth the almost  
any human being can do for him. Self-defence has partly  
made him older than his years - or seem older.

But the thing at the moment is his health - his  
health - That's paramount.

How Year?  
break down.  
c We think  
in fortnight;  
them.

So hadn't he better keep him till the  
if he goes back now, he'll certainly  
then reconsider him about the chances,  
of sending them in to Naples is about  
also soon as he is fit enough to do

He really is a lovely lad - so affectionate  
so loyal. Forgive his bad writing. He's still  
pretty shaky. Over yours. Mary