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Letter from May-ling Soong Chiang, 1918-04-29, Shanghai, China, to Emma Mills

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29 April, 1918

My dear Dada:

Well, they moved Father from the hospital. For the first few days at home, he seemed to improve. Now he is worse again - among other systems, spitting blood.

The disease has made him so irritable that everyone of us is on the edge of our nerves. He refuses to be sweated or to take salt: as a result, he gets worse. If we force him to do anything he does not wish to, his blood pressure mounts up immediately.

As you know, Mother belongs to the Apostolic Mission Faith, and they do not believe in medicine. They believe in nothing except prayer.

There are a great many Apostolic Mission people at our house. They pray for him all the time, and while I do not believe everything they do, still I do admire and appreciate their wonderful spirit of self abnegation. Now I believe in prayer: but I also believe in medicine.

The doctor who attends Father is a special friend of Brother’s and mine. Under ordinary circumstances, neither he nor anyone else would be willing to continue the case after what happened, for he was strongly opposed to Father’s removal from the hospital. And furthermore, Mother does not obey
his orders at all. But, as I said, he is doing all this for TV. and my sake as he does not get a cent out of his daily visits here. He refuses to accept any fees absolutely, and was very angry when we sent him a check before.

The suspense is awful: we are all wearing out under the strain. Mother won’t have a nurse because she believes that is against the will of God, and while some apostolic people come here to nurse him, - still they are here as friends and not as professionals. [page break]

To tell you the truth, before I was very anxious for Father to get well physically: now however I am beginning to care more for his soul salvation, for with such a temper and unwillingness to acknowledge himself a sinner, I fear whether he would be saved.

I guess I am going crazy too.

With love
Daughter
To tell you the truth, before I was very ansious for Father's health, especially now. However, I am beginning to care more for his soul salvation, for with such a temper and unwillingness to acknowledge himself a sinner, I fear whether he would be saved.

I guess I am going crazy too.

With Love,

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My dear Dada,

Well, they moved Father from the hospital. For the first few days at home, he seemed to improve. Now he is worse again — among other systems, spitting blood.

The doctor has made him so irritable that everyone of us is on the edge of our nerves. He refuses to be swatted or to take salts; as a result, he gets worse. If we force him to do anything he does not wish to, his blood pressure mounts up immediately.

As you know, Morice belongs to the Apostolic Mission Faith, and they do not believe in medicine. They believe in nothing except prayer.
furthermore, Mother does not obey his orders at all. But, as I said, he is doing all this for J. K. and my sake as he does not get a cent out of his daily visits here. He refuses to accept any fees absolutely, and was very angry when we sent him a check last year.

The suspense is awful; we are all wearied out and so the strain. Mother won't have a nurse because the Believers can and, against the rule of God, and while some apostolic people come here to nurse him, still they are here as friends, and not as professionals.

Here are a great many apostolic mission people at our home. They pray for him, see the time, and while I do not believe everything they do, still I do admire and appreciate their wonderful spirit of self-abnegation. I do believe in prayer, but I also believe in medicine.

The doctor who attends Father is a special friend of Brother, and mine. Under ordinary circumstances, he or any one else would be willing to continue the case after what happened, for he was sharply reprimanded to take his removal from the hospital.
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With love, 

[Signature]

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My dear Dad:

Well, they moved Father from the hospital. For the first few days at home, he seemed to improve. Now he is worse again—among other systems, spitting blood.

The doctors have made him so irritable that everyone of us is on the edge of our nerves. He refuses to be sweated or to take walks; as a result, he gets worse.

If we force him to do anything he does not wish to, his blood pressure mounted up immediately.

As you know, Mother belongs to the Apostolic Mission faith, and they do not believe in medicine. They believe in nothing except prayer.