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Transcription

29 April, 1918

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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.

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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 [page break] furthermore, Mother does not obey

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solutely, and was very angry
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fore.

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tolic people come here to nurse
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friends and not as professionals. [page break]

To tell you the truth, before
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however I am beginning to
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With love
Daughter

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