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WHITESTAUNTON MANOR,
CHARD.

26th December 1894

My dear Pippa,

How I wish that you & Dorothy were here instead of me! On Saturday morning the Squire came down to breakfast complaining of being very cold & shivering all over. Dick with great difficulty persuaded him to go to bed & to send for the doctor. On Sunday it turned out that he had got congestion of the right lung. Yesterday the Chard doctor,

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Dr Spicer called in Dr Liddon & Exeter
wore to have another opinion than because
of the danger. Dr Liddon said much the same
as Dr Spicer; the danger is, not the lung,
so much as the weakness of his heart & his
own bodily weakness; it has spread slightly
to the left lung but as long as it does not
increase, there is no immediate fear. However
he appears to be in a very critical condition
and I believe one or two days will decide it.
There are now 2 nurses, the second having
just come. His temperature is not high & his
pulse is pretty good; in fact this morning's

symptoms were pretty favourable but of course
he is not out of danger. Apparently he wanders
a great deal.

Cousin Minnie is in the most dreadful state
of mind as you may imagine. We are the
only people here so yesterday Dick wrote &
asked Mamma to come down; she tele-
graphed this morning to say that she would
arrive this evening at about 8. This is a
great comfort; I shall probably return to
London to-morrow. If it were not for Dick
we should all be corpses, he does everything
and is altogether splendid. This morning
Mr Cartwright called & after talking ~~at length~~

for some time ended by saying that he
would be happy to drop in at any time
with the Holy Communion, if necessary.
This naturally had the effect of reducing
Cousin Minnie to floods of tears.

The doctor comes twice a day. I will write
to you again to-morrow with the news.
Cousin Minnie gave me rather a confused message
to you which was to the effect that she
wanted Dorothy to come here when she
returned from Corby & Piffar when Dorothy
had to retreat. Also her love.
Love to all friends

your loving

Pen.