Monday
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My dear Mr. Bleeker

I really ought to have written last mail, but could not manage it. I have pleasure in enclosing you draft this week, and hope you will excuse my keeping you waiting. Today I heard from Mrs L Sloyt that you had all returned home, after an enjoyable holiday -

You will be sorry to hear Ellis eldest boy Ted has been dangerously ill with Pleuro Pneumonia, today he is a little better, and the Dr hopes will continue to improve, he is allowed milk & beef tea, no solids, he is too weak to sit up to take his milk

just has it through a fending Cup.
I go now to Heathland every other day
to see them, & Ethel is staying with
Ella to help them.
Henry & family are well, since they
have managed to get rid of Hugh is
very well. Henry says he is very good
of music, but has to play "Queen of
the Queen". Vincent is one of choir
boys in the Cathedral, he has a
fine little voice.
Ethel will I think be returning to
the Seminary next month, the house
will be terribly dull without her, she
is such a lively girl, always singing
and merry. I shall miss her, it
is two years this month since
she came down.
I was sorry to hear from
Miss Lloyd

Miss Lloyd that Gray's husband is suffering from the after effects of Influenza, it makes me feel so weak and nervous, do hope we this he is quite himself again.

George has been appointed A.R.M. of H.M.S. Terror, he was down for ten days, came to fetch his wife & children, He has grown tall and broad, more like his father in features, than he used to be I have heard from Dora since they arrived in H.M.S. Terror, there were - letters had not arrived, so they were staying at the Hotel, several of our old friends had called on them. I can't write at all tonight

A Squeeze we to spell the smallest word. I have not yet paid for the repairs to the roof; they have not given me the guarantee; & I must give the money. Good night. Think remember Tiffany daughter & God bless

Yours

Ever sincerely yours

W Stanley