

Nov. 11, 1899  
Saturday, at 2 P.M.

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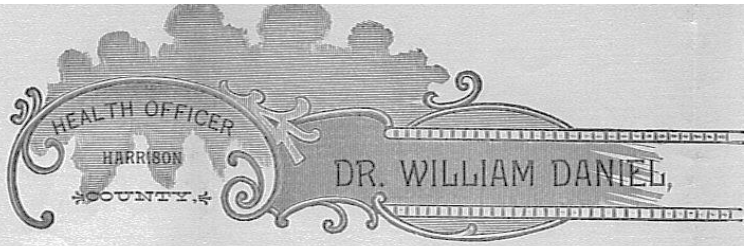
I am going on a trip to the country now, and to the Pest house. I may remark here, that Kate says, more than one hundred people called on Thursday and Friday to make inquiry concerning Fred. I will fulfill our engagement at the "Conor" house tonight – not for pleasure, but from point of duty. I hold, you know, that when duty calls we must go, regardless of our individual preference, regardless of the pain to us, regardless of any danger to ourselves, regardless of any expense or sacrifice. Life lost in line of duty is life gained in all things. Be brave, have courage, and trust that gives courage, to bear burdens, to bear sorrows, to bear distress. You have it all and especially trust, only use and exercise your Christian trust and faith and every trial will bring a joy, every sorrow a blessing, and strength abundance will be given to stand firm in everything but disgrace. I can laugh at danger, and death has no dread for me, if death needs be; but I want to shield you from it all. It hurt me more to leave you than Fred – not that I love him less or you more, but because your trial is greater to you than his to him, having to go far from your home and assume all the care.

I know too that Fred will be all right again, and will soon be restored to health, and it is you who bear the distress of mind, which is worse than pain of body.

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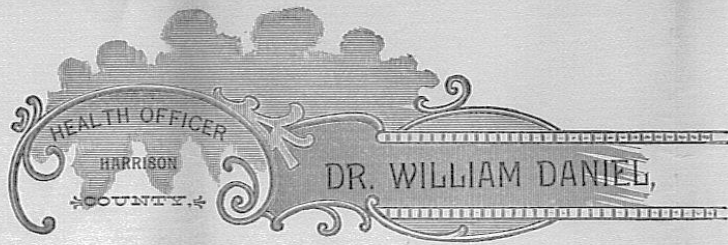


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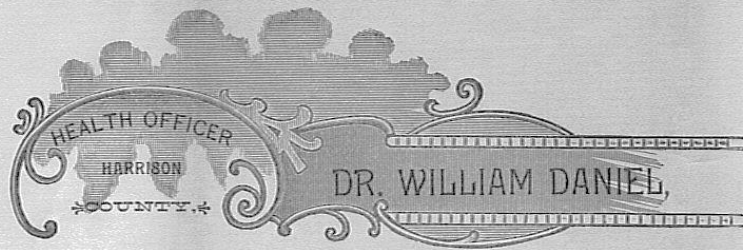
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