

my visit, for I would really rather
not leave my wife - at any rate for
pleasure - & besides, though the doctor
says that typhoid is not infectious except
in a slight degree for the nurses, &
even allow my wife to see her baby
of a morning, yet the very name of
such fever that perhaps it is hardly
fair to the nervous susceptibilities of
my friends to go amongst them, though
of actual danger there be nothing.

Again thanking you for your ~~dear~~
letter,

Yours sincerely

Richard De Gallienne.

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12 May, '92.

Dear Lady Leighton, many thanks for
your kind letter this m. My wife
has indeed been very ill, & is still very
weak & exhausted - & for the last fort-
-night I have been very distressed & anxious,
for at one time it seemed as if I might
lose her. But the doctors declare the fever
to have been but a mild attack, which
in her case has tried her to the very be-
-cause, unfortunately, she had no reserve
of strength to fall back upon, having been
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very weak & run down since the birth of
our baby some six months ago. ~~But~~
~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the last day or two,
however, she has pulled up wonderfully,
& is now considered quite out of
danger. ~~perhaps the~~ ~~possibility~~ ~~of~~ ~~leaving~~
~~the~~ ~~house~~ So I felt that perhaps
by next Wednesday it would not be unfit
for me to try & feel happy once more.
I showed her your first kind letter & she
said I must certainly go. But I fear
the remembrance of feeling from the anxiety
of the last fortnight has prejudiced me

to be prematurely gay, & indeed I had
not quite realized that next Wednesday
was so near; indeed I seem to have
been sub-consciously thinking of Wednesday week.
Then too I had somehow got the
impression that you were staying but another
fortnight in town, & I had perhaps a selfish
impulse not to miss seeing you; but now
I find on looking up Lord de Talley's letter
that it was he who had but a fortnight
longer to stay in town.

~~well~~ ~~well~~ But now that the oppor-
-tunities of seeing you ~~there~~ ^{here} are not so restricted
as they appeared, I shall venture to
accept your kind permission to postpone
my