

West Chester, Pa. Aug. 31st 1880.

Will you pardon this ~~most~~ address from an invalid restricted to the pencil? I write to call on your friendship in the dearest cause wh. earth holds for me: the watching over my husband's health, as yrs. duties & other circumstances may allow.

If not too feeble to travel Mr. Lanicier will start for N. Y. tomorrow A.M. to consult there the most eminent student (in Homoeopathy) of lung diseases - He knows of Dr. Marcy alone, but will inquire further.

He stops at the St. Louis, 11th St. & B. way. He is very ill; his fever has never relaxed for three months, and the loss of flesh is continuous, as is increase of debility.

I encourage the journey, but with a fear that is unutterable, for I could not go to him, whatever the emergency.

He has told me he wd. be willing, if ill, to send for you. I ask you, without his knowledge, to seek him. Will send a word tomorrow. Mary D. Lanicier
to tell it he has started.

The "Musical Lexicon" started to you
to-day, and I beg you, when it shall
arrive not to laugh too much, or
not intendedly, over my exploits in
putting up the package. There was
certainly a conspiracy afoot between each
layer of paper and every volume, directed
against my puny efforts. I was very
glad to discover the ownership of these
volumes, dear Mr. Pratt, and you
know how solicitous Mr. Lavier would
have been that I should convey
them safely back to you. His
undaunted will to make battle to the
very last breath - despite a clear
discerning of death's snares - resulted
in freeing him from the burden of