

7 Granville Terrace  
Brude Haven -

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My Own precious Daisy Anne.

By slipping in the word "Very" after "My" you told me just what I wanted to know - so now I can wait patiently for your answer & since I am fed up about the B.E.C. - and do hope things are working out all right and not taking it out of you too much - I'll be writing tomorrow but are on two things I want to tell you about Gillian.

I was told to meet her at 11.15 a.m. - today Sat. I could see the Church Clock 11.10 a.m. - when suddenly on the other side of the road I saw Gillian - all by herself - She told me that Jesus had said she had better go home by herself and He would take care of her - When crossing roads He had said "look each way". When I got home I rang up the school and told what had happened and made arrangements to avoid its happening again - To Gillian I pointed out how easily we might have missed each other as we rarely go the same way twice - and I said some day I'd say "Now Gillian you must come home alone - I shall not meet you" - but until that day she must wait <sup>for me</sup> She promised - Tonight we finished reading in Alice in Wonderland about the Mock Turtle and the song "beautiful soup" etc. When she said her prayers she said "Oh Jesus take care of me and sing about the beautiful soup".

She had her first punishment at school the other day - was sent out of the room for speaking during prayers - She was much impressed but said this

Weir didn't tie her up or a thing like that - On questioning I found out this was because you thought of punishments like that. I explained that it was only your fun - but anyhow it was only you or I who would ever punish her like that or smack her - Her mistresses never would - that was only an special privilege - She was reassured - only I'm not absolutely certain that she wasn't a wee bit disappointed - Anyhow that night she prayed - "Jesus I'm so sorry I interrupted when <sup>you</sup> ~~you~~ were speaking to you - I won't think of doing it again - please help me to be good and wipe out all my grudges -"

I had explained that talking during prayer was the same as interrupting people - only this time it was God being interrupted - She drank a glass of cold water and said "Oh that does refresh me - and it refreshes Jesus inside me".

Her dolls are receiving great attention these days - She tells them stories - This is what I overheard as I passed the door "Well, you see, my mother was a nurse and she knew what was good for me - but I wanted something different - that was wrong etc. etc." She is being remarkably sweet these days.

Sunday. William woke coughing & sneezing - but perfectly well all day no Koplick's spots - etc. In fact in the pink of health - I don't mean a rash - just gloriously well.

But those early morning symptoms - made me decide to keep the children apart - and I think I will do so for the next 10 days - If no measles they can mix again - If no measles at school during that period - all will be well - If a case of measles breaks out during that

I shall  
let Gilliam  
go out &  
walk unless  
she really  
has a cold  
or worse  
symptoms.

period ought I to keep them apart for 21 days from yesterday? Or can I regard Gilliam as not having been near the case. Actually I reckon next Wed is the earliest <sup>(14 days)</sup> they can expect a case - that is, of course, there is other infection. I'll ignore the mumps.

The school bills came yesterday - for last term and this. They only charged us for part of the term as Gilliam was away so much. It was their infection that kept her away anyway. But that was good of them. However the bill for the Spring term is sent in in advance - and it is a bad start with measles or mumps. How do we know Gilliam will get any more of the term than the two weeks she has had. But it doesn't come from this. Weir died so perhaps the Chartered Accountants don't know of the measles. My plans are to let Gilliam have the big bedroom upstairs as her living room, and keeping her isolated if she shows any symptoms. If no symptoms. I will let her come down to my little sanctum (the dining room) sometimes. Penna has the big front downstairs room. That upstairs room lends itself beautifully to her needs. That little niche of shelves just takes her toys. We fixed her up her "All things high" and we have put a vase of snowdrops & pussy willow there. Her dolls and all their paraphernalia are there.

It has snowed hard all day - reaching about 3 or 4 inches before it began to thaw <sup>about midnight</sup>. It continued to snow all the afternoon till about sunset when the sun actually did break through the clouds.

for a few minutes before setting. The view of it all from the upstairs window was delightful. Real Christmas card effect. Githian enjoyed it. Downstairs Berna

chirped at the back of the couch & watch: —

Both upstairs & downstairs many birds came of the food we put out. Even so many different kinds. The primrose gathered at the foot of the bird table.



The primrose gathered at the foot

Many enclosures.

1. Letter from M<sup>rs</sup> Morgan. she sent Children 3 books.
2. Handkerchief and card - Oh I'll put the handkerchief in next parcel I send you. Phyllis & Marcus sent us each a handkerchief.
3. Page out of Geographic. January number has come.
4. Card letter from Nina
5. School account. Is that my affair?
6. Letter from Margaret - which crossed mine & her
7. Letter from Dr Edmunds. 8. Primrose.

My darling one I know how anxious you must be about the B.E.C.C. business - you have done so much to get support for so many of your folk and must be very anxious about it all. My thoughts are much with you over this. Your photo before we saw - Are you sitting on that chair now - writing to me - Have you tried a phone call - shall I be speaking to you in a minute - Anyway - All my love my own darling are - Do try and take care of yourself a little bit - Yours and Ada

Penna Can now wear the Melrose  
nurse gsmade. It fits perfectly  
and she is thrilled with it - doesn't  
want to take it off - Gillian has  
one like one - only small size -

This is a great relief to me -

We had gsmade drill the other  
day - They kept them in a good  
5-10 weeks - and didn't want  
to take them off them -

Have you tried yours in lately?

Don't the little windows again -

Be ready with it please -

Joan and I ~~being~~ gradually getting  
things more ready - water pails - spades  
& shovels & rake ready by the sand etc.  
Should we need a place to floor to (in the event  
of our house collapsing) we are to go to Mrs Hilda's  
- she will put us in their sitting room if no  
bedroom - Their house has thick walls and small  
windows. Sitting room will suit us well -