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My own darling One -

Your letter to Gillian & we came by first post - so don't you spoil your afternoon's sleep to post early -

Because of the lovely barometer I knew with my morning tea that the weather was improving so sent Gillian to school without more etc - sure enough it has been a magnificent day - Sunshine all day - and the glass still going up - It is such a help -

Thank you for the Violet - We must look by the blacksmith's place for one -

The list I gave you of my presents was not all. Dolly brought me a huge bunch of Chrysanthemums and Mrs Petrin sent me in a lovely cake - not exactly of birthday richness, she explained - but just part of a batch of her own - It was jolly good - But Mrs Metcalfe sent me a chunk of the real birthday cake she made for her husband - so I lacked nothing - As a matter of fact yesterday I made 100 pien-shas (or bao-chiaotzhus) - the real Chinese birthday food which Tom & the children enjoyed as much as I did -

Today I've posted you a huge parcel - It includes a tiny Xmas pudding - a taster of the batch we

have just made. Had you been with us we would have had one (a trifle larger) for my birthday dinner - So please eat it and wish me well.

I also send a jar of black currant jam for you to make "super" when you get a cold. It is made with Blackcurrant jam (2 tab spoonfuls) glycerine (about a tea spoonful)

a little lemon or lemon squash -

" " honey if you have it and like it

and boiling water - (making the whole up to 1 pt or weaker or stronger to taste -

The other things in the parcel explain themselves except the little Chocolate Cakes which were out of a box of Chocolate biscuits I opened for my birthday. Mr Bullen slipped another couple of lbs of oranges into my parcel the other day. I too can get lemon or lime juice occasionally. We lack nothing doubly - You are my chief anxiety with regard to food. Would you like some dripping? I'm gradually accumulating quite a big basin-ful.

Our nightly readings have developed. We now sing an appropriate hymn and use the little

first prayer book you gave her - I'm amused at you suggesting that she should read to me very occasionally - why she reads to me far more than I read to her - you see the reading begins while I do her hair - For a couple of years now I used to read to her as I did her hair - she holding the book and I perped over the curls as I did them - then gradually she did the reading + I the curls and when the latter were done I took her on my knee + finished reading. This was with any book she chose - it is only recently that we have started the "Lullaby Life" - We have also added a little table to our arrangements because these books are so big - I've not shown her the Greek testament yet - that is a treat to come. She reads most expressively - haven't you heard her?

I agree with you about the piano - both the desirability of Epithian to play it well - and for the delay in starting until we can get one. My problem ~~with it~~ will then be where to put it.

I'll teach Epithian Ecce: III - 1-8. Yes indeed Mrs Russell shd know it. I like her little Jean tho' she is very independent + has made no response

as yet to the little advances I've made. The little Shirley Whittle (who you met with her 2 brothers from Kenya) is a very nice but solemn little girl. Gillian says that Martine Holby is going to invite her to a Christmas party. I think Dr H - admires her too very much. Martine is very dumb - but their baby (1 year) is very jolly.

I enclose a note I had from Miss Playes today I enquired, in fun, about Penma and Eurythmics I'll try and get a bottle of Sherry.

Taking sugar has done me lots of good. That acid feeling in my mouth has gone - and I can even eat a raw apple quite happily - the craving for sugar has gone but I still enjoy it. There are no ulcers in my mouth at the moment. I've taken very little Empirin lately.

All right. I'll let the children go to the Metcalfe & tea. By the way Joan had already suggested M^{rs} M could come here and she and Joan could take care of the children. Are you thinking of something of the sort before Xmas - or after - or not till some unspecified future date. Oh I see you say "Some" day which suggests not soon.

I agree about independence - It was always my ideal - I got it at Carey Hall when we were told to work "for our own effacement" - and in my work as a missionary I always worked to that end and tried to make my helpers independent of me - Thus my work never collapsed when I left it.

With Gillian's nose bleed & Vanities - it has been very difficult - but she is steadily growing independent. A room of her own is a great help. Penma is much more independent - often goes out with other people.

There is something much stronger and deeper than a mere physical dependence - By giving your dear ones freedom you actually bind with stronger bonds than any dependence could bind.

I can understand your fury at the Toys - All that sentimentality is so silly and artificial. Gladys sent me a letter from Ida - about Peter - it nearly made me sick - Fortunately before I had sent it round as she asked me to a letter came from Ida herself much more reasonable - so I sent Gladys's one back and have started Ida's on its way - About Gillian's V's on the wall - They range from about

4 inch & a yard in size - among them all is a tiny owl of which she is very proud - in taking your advice re rest.

Wed afternoon Lillian had her second dancing lesson which I did not watch - she is just as thrilled with it as ever.

Today Spear Bros dividend came. I put it in the N.P. bank and return the rest - which they said you'd want for weaver tax returns!

Anna & ~~May~~ Sylvia sent me a most exciting scrap book they had made for my birthday - which seems to have no end.

Lillian was thrilled with the flag alphabet - I think she might learn the letters. but is not very good at spelling yet. I must find time to play word making & word taking with her.

live! got a bottle of Sherry for you - not good stuff - only 3/4. and the only bottle they had. The girl called it cooking sherry - but the rough sort of cellar man who brought it up was most indignant. "No it isn't cooking sherry." If it isn't good enough for you to drink - I will use it in trifles.!!! Most of the apples & Devonshire Cider came from France - hence the shortage. N^o Stevens might like to see this beautiful letter I am sure me. All my love my own darling one - Ada.

Adas birthday 1941.

Daddy -	barometer and photo frames	folders.
Gillian	ink and sweets & crayons	Card.
Penna	Rubber.	
Joan.	Honey in the comb.	
Dolly	Flowers	
Chris	{ Apple tree scarf & Post flowers -	
May	{ 2 cards. Calamander	
Sylvia	Handkerchiefs. letter	
Daisy	letter.	
Hilda	Letter	{ Silk stockings -
M ^{rs} Lloyd	p.p.c.	
Nyria "	Card	
M ^{rs} Stevens	Diary	
Penn "	Golden telegram	
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in ink
in Hump

DEAR DANK IAN SO
SCRIBBLE IS CRIBLED-
DANK ~~OUR~~ FOUR WOOL.

DO NOT W D N T Y O U
T O M A G I S B E C A U S E M U N T
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