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Rosemary Cottage,  
Granville Terrace,  
Bude Haven,  
Cornwall.

My dear Darling One -

Jan 31 - 1942.

We have just come home from the Dancing Entertainment. So I must tell you all about it. Do you remember Mr Metcalfe was telling you about it - His little grandchild, Julia, was in it. Julia Pettrick -

It was a glorious day so we went out for a walk early and got home at 11.30 am + all had our rest till 12.30 dinner.

Perma was heartbroken at being put to bed before she had her dinner - but went to sleep + we let her sleep till 1. At 2 pm we were at the show - in the Cinema - and here is the programme -

There were some children we were specially interested in and I have described them to you. I enjoyed the Babies - the dances in ~~which~~ which little Julia performed.

They were dressed quite professionally in short skirts + spangles - or according to their special parts - and did their parts so naturally.

Little G. Shorrocks will be a really good dancer some day - she is only a little bigger than Perma - You better read my descriptions here - so I'll number my pages -

① Cupid - age 3 (I think) G. Sharrick - 2.  
Pretty little Busybody.  
Tinkle Toes.

and several others with the juniors  
This little girl lives at the end house. (near  
Granville Garage) of Granville Tee - she is not  
much bigger than Penna - you must after have  
seen her - She was very good.

② ~~John~~ Turkish but Jim age 6. Janet Ramey -  
Who cares  
Also in some of the junior dances.

You know Janet - the dainty little red haired  
girl who plays with Gillian sometimes

③ In the Nursery. age 3½ Julia Petrie  
(Nursery rhymes.) (Joan's little niece)  
Julia was little Miss Muffat.  
Baby Fairies  
Rock-a-by baby -

In these baby things was also the tiniest of these  
long curled children on Breakwater Rd - She is no  
bigger than Penna but perhaps 6 months older - The three  
big long curled girls were in other dances.

④ Bob Peck - 'Arvy -

Shirley Gylanfield  
about Gillian's age -  
used to be one of Gillian's school fellows.

A little girl with straight brown hair & deep brown eyes - might have been the one that would have appealed to us once - but as I know her I know she is rather stodgy - but she danced both these dances very well indeed - As 'Arvy she was dressed as a Coster boy - all pearl buttons.

T. Byrne is one of Gillian's school fellows - a senior she was very good.

V. Taylor was very good - In "Chit Chat" she was a Char with rheumatism who tried to show the parlour maid how to dance the polka - She was a clever dancer as we saw in other dances but in Chit Chat she did the awkward rheumatic movement so well I could almost feel the rheumatism - Now I must tell you about Penna - Of course she was thrilled at the dancing but wanted to do it too - We sat near the front in the centre - but I changed to the front row at the side as I saw there was a nice piece of floor space where Penna could dance if

to see the instruments which she had heard so much over the Radio!-

Once I had Penma standing on my knee - there was no one behind as the side was empty newly - and in a loud voice she suddenly said "I want to dance up there" - pointing to the platform -

I shall expect great things in their own free dancing after this -

Altogether I think it was a great event in their lives - How I wish you had been here - or that it had been the show you & I went to instead of the old Dictator -

My criticism of it is this -

Regarded as an amateur show (as it was really) it was quite professional - but regarded as a professional show it was too amateurish -

The dancing mistress Miss K. M. Kirk who did several dances herself is "joining up" - and had to hurry the whole thing up - she had really planned it for the summer -

I don't believe there is any dancing at St Catherine's either now -

The proceeds were for the Red Cross.

Well, dear, how are you? I'm rather hoping you will ring me up tonight or tomorrow. You were going to London. I hope you were fit for the journey. It was bitterly cold here today - today a cold wind still but sunshine. I do hope you are better - Our coughs are still aggravating - but don't make us ill. Tussifect all used up - new order not yet received but I've got a few things today to help. I personally find greatest help with turpentine or flannel on chest but feared this too drastic for children. Banting said a doctor gave him the evoked prescription to rub on chest. I got turpentine & make it up. Boots had no oil - so couldn't. I've rubbed that on the children tonight. I got a cough medicine - Jones's own highly recommended by M<sup>rs</sup> Syllassi - we are all trying that - So hope we will soon be better - It is a strange dry cough (no head cold) that is very persistent that is going round Bude. It is not serious as none of us have had temperatures nor felt very ill.

Jean has it now - She has not stayed at home - but I've sent her home after dinner each day & am giving her a "day off" tomorrow, not because she is ill but it is her monthly "day off" 1st Sunday. So I think she will be all right - by Monday - That is why I'm writing my letter tonight.

Think I'd better turn over - 7.

We went to see M<sup>rs</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Smith - He was in bed with lumbago - The children were very sweet to him and we took him another Geographic - We take him these now & he is delighted with them (returns them safely) Gillian has had a good week at school - is moved up with her class -

Nyria has been lame again all the week with a cough - after 4 days away at school - so we have seen little of her. M<sup>rs</sup> Lloyd has called once or twice - she tells me M<sup>rs</sup> Lloyd had some clashes with his small daughter - he was determined to make her sit still for 5 minutes & succeeded in the end! (I did not tell her of you & Gillian & the candle - I think such things are private.)

Tomorrow is February - a month that is very often rather lovely with its first promises of spring - March seems to break all these promises - But if you regard Feb as a foretaste of spring and not the beginning of spring it is not so disappointing. Now I shall turn to back of page 5 & page 8

Sunday a.m. We are getting along quite nicely. Gillian is at the moment doing Penma's hair - She has given Penma a bunyan as a bribe to permit her to do it.

"Do it gently Gillian" says Penma -  
I'm doing a great big curl?

Have you finished the little ones?

Don't pull me -

Am I hurting you? No -

That is this morning's atmosphere. In fact both are Martha's - so Penma has also done a lot of jobs. Both

Kittens are on my knees & trying to work themselves up into a fight.

It is a busy weekend for you I know so of course no phoning is likely. I do hope you got back from London not too late and that your cold is better. Today is dull

I'll let Gillian take this to the post now she is going to do a few little messages for me - and I think write a letter to go in this.

All my love my ever darling one -  
Ade.