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My own Darling One

Your lovely letter just came - and I've just posted you some pussy willow - snowdrops + soap - (Have a reserve of about 6 Wright Coal-Tax tablets which I got ages ago for you -) otherwise I was quite out of soap - But I don't think we will lack - only must not waste. Did I congratulate you on Bryan? I must write to Daisy & Susan today -

Thank you for medical advice - I felt wretched yesterday - nose & splitting headache - very purulent phlegm all the time - but slept well till 4 a.m. then woke with earache & this a.m. my left eye was all bunged up & now is bloodshot & full of tears all the time (right ear) but earache gone & I feel much better than I have for 10 days - Mrs Lloyd is kindly taking Gillian to school this week - bitter weather too cold I think for her to go out so early - but her dear little mind just lugs for fellowship in her studies - But she amused me yesterday telling me Miss Chamberlain let her set her own sums!

Penna woke yesterday with earache but no temperature so I rang up D.A. - who said

take her temp 3 times a day - let him know if it goes up - otherwise treat as I did Gillian. He says Gillian's deafness will be gone in about a month -

'Excuse disjointed letter - have had at least a dozen interruptions so far since I began!'

Glad your acrobats are out -

Your children are growing up - as I feared your letter Penma demanded something so I gave her one of the enclosures - she held it up & read "With love from Daddy" - you'll have to write to her soon -

Have not been able to go out & look for present for Gillian - I'm sure I'll find something she'll like if I can only get out soon - I promised her a party on Saturday - and we'll have it if Penma & I are well enough - if not we'll put it off till 28th - but we will have a very special Birthday tea on Sunday - I've got some special cats -

So glad you have got a special prayer book - Her religious development is quite unique - Theologically she has gone

rather backwards - Has known personally
 the indwell Christ - for a long time - has she,
 in her Sunday school & evening readings, is
 meeting the ^(with me -) historical Christ. Oh of course
 she had God the father & Creator nearly 2 yrs
 ago in the little book you gave her -

In other words she already has found satis-
 factory forms for her very real religion
 & knows with a very true intuition as well as
 experience what Jesus is like - yet - she
 has heard very few of the stories &
 teaching of Jesus - It is all most refreshing
 for instance she read of Simon's wife's mother
 & ~~the~~ being healed - "Mother" she said "Did
 that really happen? and would he come to
 me and heal me like that if I was ill?"
 Then she read "But I say unto you love
 your enemies" - This puzzled her tremendously
 "but how can you? how can you love
 Hitler?"

Thank God for Mr Halliday and all the
 hundred questions I hurled at him and
 would not be ~~at~~ satisfied till I had at a
 rate some indication where I might find
 the truth - I find no failure in the gospel
 as interpreted to me by Mr Halliday even in
 this crisis - the trouble is - well what?

Paul expressed in his cry "Oh wretched man that I am etc - the good I see I do not -" as my "universe grew great I dreamed of it a greater God" - but so great was that God that He is beyond any attainment - "This is my God - I preach & I deny Him" - I am not at a loss to answer Gilliam's questions - but in answering them I will condemn myself - let alone the Church & the average Christian - Still Gilliam seems quite capable of taking into her own hands any priesthood the family may need - In her the "inner light" shines brightly - so I feel quite confident about her as she will get truly to the heart of things and does not need my dimmer light.

I did read that K.G. article - most amusing -
in Digest.

Will deliver school of when next I go out. Later: my eye is simply streaming - have just sent Tom & Funness of a lotion - I remember you got something from him which you said was very good - I'll send something in the box of it so that you can read the formula -

Last week Tom did not make pastry

as none of us felt up to eating pastry so
~~now~~ I have an extra card ration. I'll
 send this to you to make pastry for
 Lynnette if he comes to see you - I
 must try and remember to send you
 a slice or two of Xmas Cake to help too.
 How interesting about the Kings dog. Was it any
 of those in the Princess's dog book?

Money all right so far as I can see - Yes
 I remember I can draw up to £25 from
 Barclays if necessary - My Chemist bills
 will be heavy this winter - but even they
 won't be too bad - Did I tell you I got
 Rosehip syrup for the children?

You ask if I have blank cheques of Cambridge
 Banks - I was going to say "no" of course but
 but thought I'd look through my drawers to be
 sure & there at the bottom an envelope
 labelled Blank Cheques Cambridge in your
 handwriting with 3 cheques for each bank -
 You do take care of me my beloved one -
 Sorry your cold isn't quite well yet - but
 I guess like ours it is waiting for warmer
 weather - glad you can cycle in the lane again.
 I thought of you fire watching - and while awake
 with my ear gone you a little extra thought
 I note April 11 for Business date & April 13 for fire watching

I understand the difficulty of planning for summer holiday -

I shall ring up tonight and hope to have a chat with you -

By the way the miracles - When Gillian's age I used to say to myself "I wonder what really happened" - and entered into arguments at College about them but as the belief in them in no way affected my acceptance of Jesus as my Lord - that being entirely based on His Character miracles were rather beside the point and rather a hindrance than a help Gillian so far has scarcely met with the idea of the miraculours - I do not think it is necessary to her faith either but after all there is the whole pretty fairy world and Father James etc - there is no reason why her Child mind should not enjoy them a bit - I cannot remember as a Child ever believing in fairies etc - but I enjoyed the idea of them - One thought which used to come into my mind was "Supposing my doll 'came alive' - and the

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feeling quite sure this couldn't happen
yet I could never quite squash the
hope that it might.

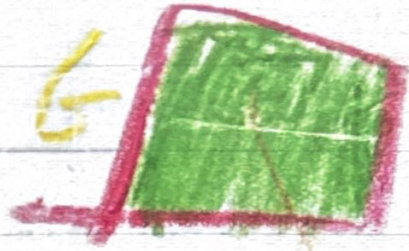
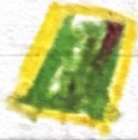
Feb 18. It was lovely to talk with you last night.
We had a good night - tho' I had had to
nurse Penma from when you telephoned till 10pm
when I gave her a second dose of emphyin
(the first had been given at 7p.m.) Penma coughed
a lot this morning - so I suppose she is
going through all the symptoms as we others
have done. She still has no temperature &
no earache this morning. My eye much better
& the other not infected. I think the lotion
M^r Turner sent me was very good but I'll
get the Optix today ^{unless} if the eye clears up
this a.m. There is no pain in it.

So now I'll post you parcel.
Penma asked this morning "Did Daddy like
his pussy willow?" I didn't know she knew
we had sent you any.

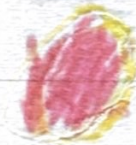
All my love
your Daily one
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Dear Daddy I Love ~~you~~
~~you~~ your voice
I LOVE IT I THINK THAT
IT IS LOVELY SO I MUST SAY
LOVE GILLIAN



LOVE GILLIAN

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