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My own Darling One -

I must get a live off as I promised - but life is a rush. The workmen - then clearing up after them - and visitors keep popping in now - I suppose they will now as I get to know more of them etc - Well - the room is lovely & Gallagher is here - has brought a huge parcel of rationis - M<sup>rs</sup> Tape took them off & came Sat instead as we could do nothing on Thurs with both carpenter & plasterers here - Now for details you have not had yet -

Childrens return - It was grand - & reached the peak of delight when you phoned - But they both thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we can safely trust them away from us again - I think we have reason to be very proud of them -

M<sup>rs</sup> Freeman, whose own Anne is a horribly spall child of eight - even hits her Mummy - etc, thinks Gillian is perfectly lovely and would have her again any time - Met us the other day and rushed at Gillian & said "Darling! how missed you so badly" - & hugged her again & again - They have a nice little house Harley at Stratton - and Anne has a room almost as nice as Gillians own & lots of toys - Gillian slept in a single bed in M<sup>rs</sup> Freemans own room & slept grandly - Later - Today Gillian went to the farm with M<sup>rs</sup> Freeman & Anne & others - a plan they had not been able to carry out

the previous Saturday - so Gallagher, Grace, Ann Fieldy, Mowenna & I took a picnic tea to the swings & collected Gillian who was back in time of the 6.20 bus. All had a good time -

Mowenna enjoyed herself too I think - but of course she can't talk about it much but she seems to want to exclude all other children from our return journey from school - I suppose she wants Gillian & me to herself a little -

Anyway both children have proved able to stand up to it if they have to be away from all their family any time. Of course they meet every day at school - M<sup>rs</sup> Lloyd said of Penma - that she showed by her own attitude what a lovely big sister she had - i.e. Gillian's loveliness was reflected in Penma. That from M<sup>rs</sup> L. is a lot - as I believe she is horribly jealous of Gillian's charming ways as compared with Sylvia's behaviour -

II The new room - It is a lovely room - the green curtains & orange curtain blind & bed spread give a richness & comfort & it. And the bedside rug (not your Chapel strip of carpet) just give the right - I've enclosed a plan of it all. The Carpet edge which (blue & orange) does not match slips under the landing carpet & is hidden - the curtains

hide it nearly everywhere else. You will see how  
 I've arranged the furniture. At your suggestion I  
 put the ship on the new shelf - It exactly  
 suits it and looks so nice - I'd love you to  
 see it as it is - a bedroom - perhaps I'll leave  
 it like that and let you arrange it as a study  
 yourself next time you come - I know where you  
 would put the desk - but don't quite know how you'd  
 put the rest -

M<sup>rs</sup> Tafe worked like a Trojan & got it all done  
 and of course I was busy too - that is really  
 why I did not get a letter off -

So glad to hear you tonight - but I'm sorry your  
 weather was bad - but perhaps you needed the  
 rain - we do here - not that I would it - It  
 is still quite chilly here - except in the sun  
 away from the wind

Sunday a.m. - Gallagher has taken children for a walk - Grace  
 is at Sunday school - so I have peace and quiet to talk to  
 you - Thank you for the snap - How lovely Watermeads ones look  
 and how huge that spruce has grown - I must come to  
 see it all one of these days - The Bunshill Manor one is  
 very good too - Are you sending M<sup>rs</sup> Edmead one, or am I  
 to give her this one?

I'm so glad you took a lazy Sunday last week - hope you'll  
 get a real rest today - and that you are really better - I

do wish I could guarantee your brief holidays here & be really good - But <sup>the</sup> children are getting past that baby stage which needs so much of my attention - and then I can see to you and the have generally and make it all better for you. Re - the time of year - it is difficult & say - We have had quite a lot of sunshine - but have not had a straight forward run for very long - We don't even need to let down the sun blind - let alone the green curtains which I took down of the rain - and after it is too windy in the front of the house at all. Still the children are in cotton frocks now so I suppose it is warmed - The upstairs room is lovely and will give you a real retreat - When you have it as a study we could push the bed behind the curtain and keep it ready made - so that you could just pull it out a bit and lie flat down - or even sleep there if you did not want early morning disturbances - I'm longing to see what you will make of the room. The slip looks lovely on the new shelf - So glad Halley Stewart people have done as you wanted them to - now I hope you will find a nice secretary - I'm glad about Rosette leaving - I had a feeling he was not exactly cheering you up - It will leave a spare room if we came - but don't let it get filled up with an excuse - better find another friend & fill it yourself - Don't you know anyone?

Thank you of the hummal presentation. I've got the tablets - they look twice the thickness of the last ones so I'll only take  $\frac{1}{4}$  at a time. I need very little. Gallagher said they used them on her mother a time - 2 or 3 lbs a day - but they made her go potty - she imagined she was being poisoned or something - she was all right when the hummal was stopped - But a little certainly helps me.

Did you spend Wed night with Donaldson? I hope so - because if it is Sunday night I'm afraid you'll find travel difficult in Sunday (today) - I'll post this letter today and if I get little written while my visitors are there it will not mean that I am overdoing things but have no free time - it being all occupied not so much as working for - but holidaying with my visitors - they will all help in the work - as Gallagher is doing now - She seems well & happy - not strained as she used to be when coming from St Marys.

Are you better darling? I keep asking this - but it is the big question in my mind all the time. Gillians cough has gone at last - Penma still has a little in the early morning - but both look fine & are getting sunbrowned.

The sea is grand - great waves again - and I always think of you as I watch it - We had our picnic at Shatter - just where we had it with you - It was grand to witness that view.

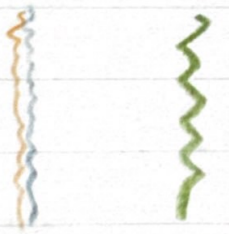
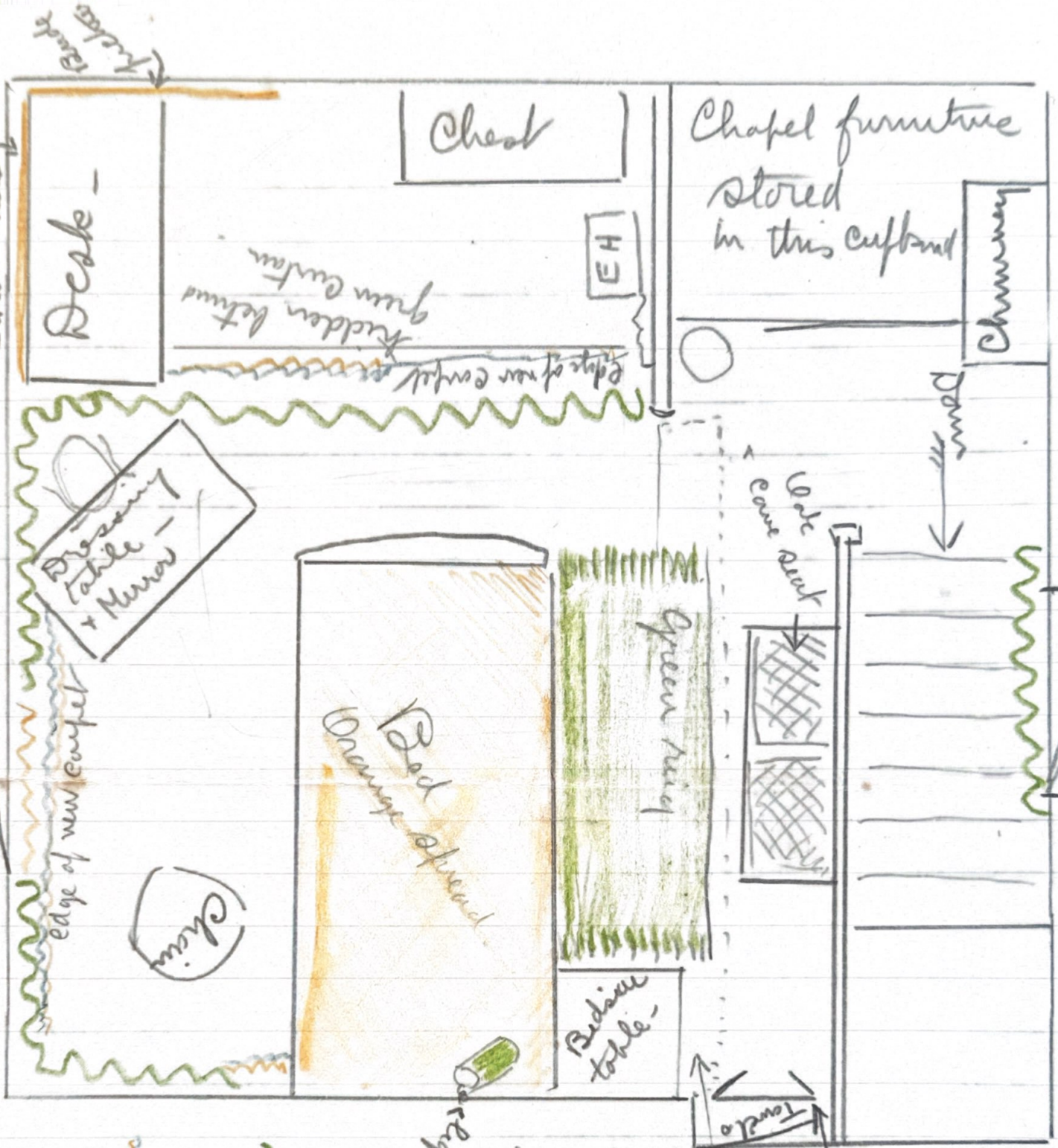
On July 23<sup>rd</sup> - at the Castle opposite us - there is to be a big "do" - for some Charity - At Cathman girls are to do Eurythmics - and Gillian & Perma among them - It would probably be very exciting and I'd like to go over the grounds - It begins at 2.30 p.m. - But that is the day Wannie and her Grand ~~are~~ to arrive at Bude - we did want to meet them at the station - I don't know whether we could get there in time -

Now I'll close and post this - you won't get it till Tuesday I'm afraid -

All my love my own darling one  
yours and  
Ada.

P.S. Grace (Edman) would help me with the children if ever I come to Cambridge - but she has never been on a train before -  
She speaks Welsh - or rather understands the Welsh childrens lingo.

SV Collins picture stored here



edge of new carpet - recently shown anywhere

green curtains

carpets

under old lower carpet - exactly same colour

new carpet edge marked

the little the workshop here



View of new door  
(from Coratory -