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My own Daily One -

It was good to hear your voice last night! How I wish you could have been with us when Winnie & Sam were here - Hope you will have a good time talking it all over with her -

To us personally the usual routine of health or rather unhealth took place that happens when you come -

I - Preparations for the event -

With Mrs Tapes care of the horse always I hope this will be easier in future although this time the alterations to the house rather increased the pressure - and I'm afraid the painting of same will increase it again before your next visit -

II The event - i.e. your coming on in this case Winnie's - followed by rather reckless enjoyment of the sea. You see the first time W. came - she arrived at 5pm by bus & we all flew down to the sea - I did not realize how much colder it was there than up here & Gillian slipped down

without coat or Cardigan - paddled as high as she could - W did Winnie kids no harm but set Gillian right back - even ran a temperature & had to have D Morgan -

Penna's cold has never quite cleared up & we discovered spots on her - she may have had Chickenpox D M. thinks (Caught it I suppose when staying with Nyrin) so G. may be in for that too - Both

children are much better & too full of spirits & be treated in any way as invalids - and Gillian has cut a huge molar top right - & lower right gum swell -

III in the sequence is generally you get it - but that not happened this time

IV me - Well I was sneezing & feeling rotten all yesterday - but as Grace was here all day she took the children off my hands and I rested for hours on my bed - took aspirin -

Grace is a nice child - has two priceless gifts - strong mother instinct & imagination - The children are always happy with her - no squealing & none of that sort of hysterical row Gillian used to get

with Tom. They had a dolls tea party yesterday - and sure enough Grace had a doll on her knee too -

I enclose Grace's school report - She told me off her own bat that she loved best the fall -

"And did those feet in ancient times - and "When I survey" and "And didst Thou love the race that loved not thee" -

A slight difference & Tom's favorites - i.e. The popular jazz tunes -

Her family have risen to the occasion and given her new slippers & shoes - and tooth brush, paste - etc. etc. - so it is all very exciting - But her imagination at night is a bit of a problem -

She has never slept alone in her life and is afraid of that room upstairs - The first night came busting into my room midnight - so I took Gillian in with me & let her sleep in G's room - Actually she was still alone and I can hear a yawn above me better than in G's room - Next night we let her have Penn's big Teddy bear & a cat - I had promised to open her door when I came to bed and so I

heard Micky jump on to the floor & did so & peeped at Grace who was sound asleep cuddling the Teddy bear. However at third night she was down again - Did not like the sound of the cistern - also admitted being afraid of the loft behind these doors - I tended to the cistern (raised the ball.) and showed her all over the loft with a torch light & how the doors locked on her side anyway she - and gave her Minnie - and showed her how to top on the floor for me - Well she went back to bed & slept till wakened this a.m. -

Today I must let her help me clear out some of the loft things as ordered & so get familiar with it - But I've promised & let Gillian sleep up there on the settee for a night or two - We are nervous about Berna & the windows as she can even take down ~~so~~ block out boards -

I hope for goodness sake no car may will be bombed! Gallagher lay in bed & watched this happening all night -

Headan has so entrusted Grace to me that she wants me to tell her about "period" etc when I think I should - She will be 13 next Friday - You see she is more

use than Tom in that she is much better
 with children - she is more co-operative &
 "bidable" as the Scotch say - and very much
 easier to teach - having more imagination
 & grey matter and is already very attached
 & all of us having known us from the start.
 Being only a Child I can & did examine
 her head after she washed it, or do any
 thing in that nature without causing offence
 and I can influence her along with Gillian
 - Bible stories etc together - But of
 course she cannot do the work Tom did
 even when not at school - has not yet
 the physical size or strength - but
 Mrs Tape will do all the heavy clearing
 the four days she is here - She is settling
 in splendidly - so happy & smiling & quiet
 - but steadily extending her sphere of work
 i.e. not only does the kitchen & greenhouse
 when clearing my room but also sweeps all
 the front garden - Brasses & Windows shine
 She has found a woman to do my
 big laundry at Marham Church - and
 herself does a little bit of laundry here
 when I want her to. There, that is a
 lot about our domestic arrangements.

I'll pay her drimmers at school 4^p & her busse
 & Strattan - As she becomes older - i.e. say
 next year when she leaves school & comes to
 me to work - I'll give her a wage & less
 clothes & guiding her how to cloth. herself.
 I'll teach her to sew - she has already
 learned to use a machine at school.

You are right about Mowenna gradually
 depending Eylliam and taking care of her -
 I'm so glad she shows these tendencies and
 will take my place in time - but I'd like
 to train someone like Grace & take care
 of you all domestically & so release both
 you & the girls of all that sort of
 trouble.

Now for Winnie's visit. A great success.
 They spent a lot of the last day here
 looking for a place for next year. They
 favour Crooklets.

Winnie & I always enjoy each other -
 Clement, Heather & Anna & Sylvia
 made the next group and then the
 four little ones & Grace when she
 was with us. Eylliam still admires
 Michael, but was off colour herself
 & he was rather absorbed in forjiah affo

{ Michael

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However she had him in her room where he enjoyed her books etc. & called her "Jilly". Hazel was sweet with Emma who spoke of her as "The girl that speaks to me." Mowenna herself fell completely for Clement. Spoke of him as "Clem, you know, that other Daddy."

They will tell you what they thought of Bude. Anna & Sylvia reminded me very much of May & Chris. Anna slept outside on the rest a while & Sylvia upstairs.

Thank you for your Wed letter

I'm trying to relieve G. of any sense of responsibility for Mowenna - and to this end I'll certainly not let them go to school alone yet - or G. would again be responsible for something much too big for her. I let G. go almost always alone - she does much shopping for me.

The latest was to get a Chambermaid for Lorraine's room. She went to two or three places without the slightest embarrassment and finally brought a huge one in an enormous fish basket level her for the purpose. She nearly always changes my library book.

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and discusses the choice of books with
the Librarian much to her delight.

Re Rosita & owning the land. So many
are like that. They can never give to
another's work or property what they'd give
to their own.

My love & Daisy ^{when} if she is with you.
I'll try and make a parcel that will
be helpful for her visit.

Now don't forget there is extra
sugar ^{ration} - for how long I don't know
- be sure & take it - also the tin of
dried eggs you are allowed on your old
book.

Glad you enjoyed Erano's visit

Now my darlings are - I'll take
this to post. Grace is going home to
tea as a sister from London is here
for the weekend. Her "off duty" is to be
when she or her mother want her
- but her mother says there is so much
to do at home that it is far more fun
for her to be here all the time.

Well my darlings are - this is rather
a "Grace" letter - but her advent should
relieve me & give you more attention & ~~love~~
in fact gives me time to write at all but ^{all} ~~love~~
Adm.