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My own darling One -

I've sent the children on a picnic with Grace and have you all to myself for a bit.

Your Bank Holiday letter has just come - so I'll answer it right away - We have your weather i.e. - after a magnificent day yesterday today is cloudy - but I expect it'll clear up just before sunset.

M^{rs} Patrick just passed our door so I called her in to tea with me tele a tele - She thinks the top room magnificent & says they used to sleep up there when they left their bedroom - I might try that some day when I want ~~to~~ to have a real rest & let Grace be downstairs with the children -

I'm sorry you've had some damage done in Cambridge. I'm glad the roamed Church was not hit - nor any of the Colleges -

Anna wrote to Auntie Grace - but I've not heard any more than what I told you - you always keep the school reports - I don't know whether H^{rs} H will let you keep Grace's -

I don't know what you owe me - I've not kept count of that for a long time - I'm longing to get at my own accounts and make estimates of the rest of the financial year - I've not made them up for ages tho I've kept them all the time - I'm a little alarmed at the way the money melts - but this may only appear to be so because I mostly pay cash down these days - the tradespeople like it - and are short staffed for bookkeeping - But if you do owe me £30 or so that would explain a lot - don't hurry to pay it tho - after all there should be enough in the Bank to last til next April - All I want to do is to make up my accounts & estimates - the latter particularly so that I know where I am -

Please thank M^{rs} S. of the monkey & bulldog pictures - the children will love them -

M^{rs} Fielding uses my telephone quite a lot so I see something of her & we have talks re the training of children - Her husband being a doctor has given her an artbook rather like ours - and Anne is a very nice little girl and I think will help all round when she goes to school with Gillian - We are all going to for a picnic together

(+ Mrs Fielding)

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including Peter - to those fields on the way
to Panghill next Friday.

Grace was playing school with one two & Anne
this a.m. - among other things she gave
them drill and marched them round the
back garden - out and down on the front
etc. - insisting that they kept in line etc.
a splendid way of gaining good discipline
& the children loved it -

I do hope you'll have a good time with
Daisy & Paul if they turn up - and I'm
longing to hear how you enjoy Winnie
account of Bude -

Your packing parcel turned up - I've sent
you a supplementary parcel today (big one
yesterday) I got a little nice ham
so I sent you some with some more
runner beans -

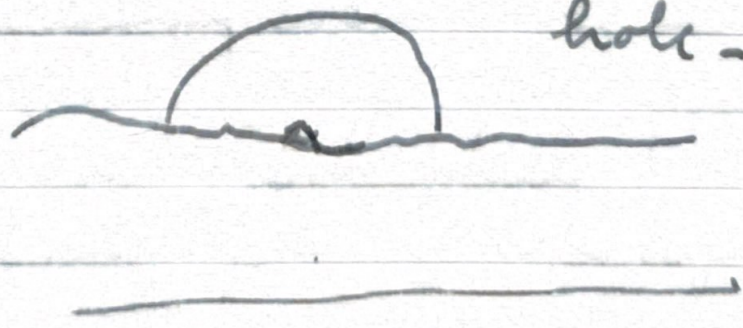
Grace is settling down at night o.k. now.
The night she had Gillian the latter
vomitted too ruffically - Grace was with her
but as she had disturbed me 2 nights she
was determined not to let Gillian disturb
me that night - so she took her into her own
bed & left the vomiting over till morning -
I expect it was very good for Gillian to

realize there was such a thing as not disturbing mather!! also to know that even a good old Tomil didn't matter much.

Chris sent a lovely little frock of hers that did not fit her - if we to make one for Lythian - actually all it needs is to be taken up about 6 in. and it makes a sweet frock of Grace. She looks rather shabby at the moment but now she is relieving me of the children for a bit I'll have time to see to her things and she shall look very nice when you come. I hope.

Later - Children back in bed - Grace gone for her bath. They loved your p.e.

Have not been strutting any for some time - but that huge wheat field is oats this year. Did I tell you the mill stone was down? They have set it up but covered the hole - a nice job for you all some work will be to dig clear the hole.



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When was Evans H.S. & Jethyllie? And did he like him?

So glad you have a brilliant student from Bedford & join your group independent of B.E.C.C.

I'm afraid a book will be a sweat & help write - but it would be good work - your stuff is so well worth passing on.

My cold is running its course - I have a sort of feeling that my tonsils are bad I've been painting them drastically with iodine and hoped to clear up the throat but it has gone up the nose - right nostril (and antium I suppose.) I thought Gillian's cough practically well - yet I can hear her coughing again tonight - a dry cough.

There is an N.E. wind - I just went a little walk along the Strand with them before going to bed - as I heard there were oranges in the little veg shop near the end (got some) and the wind seemed cool & caught my throat - it has been tickling ever since - yet the thermometer outside says 74°. If I had let Gillian go for a bath or paddle I should have said that had started her cough again.

Both children look bonny enough & are full of spirit.

Saw one of the Edmead girls the other day
They've sold the 10 piglets - each weighed
about 65 lbs - (for 35/- each or 40/- the wrong one)

The envelope came from Miss Wier today -
I don't think you want us to get mixed
up with the C.S.S.M do you - I don't
know whether I shd reply to it - I met
Miss F. Wier this a.m. - and told her of
my plans with Grace. She said that Grace's
grandmother used to do the school laundry
and was very nice - so were her daughters -
unfortunately one of them married a drunkard
(Mr. Heador) & has had 12 children & trouble ever
since - Every one is thrilled with my idea for
Grace - and hopes of my success.

- Here a large interruption - tried to stop
William's dry cough - it sounds like just
a dry tickle in the throat - I feel like it
myself only know that coughing won't
relieve it - Grace is back so I'll take
this to the post and see if I can
get some glycerine & Black Currant lozenges -
of course now there are plenty but
we must give sweet comfort to them
All my love you are Ada.

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Call not
get those layers for
till this a.m. - Home
got them now in sweet
house - This m. Pillman

at 9 PM went to sleep + a lot of fluid
7 PM + 9 PM coughed (dry) like
yesterday

Started - 10.30 PM - diarrhoea -
horehitis - 12 - midnight diarrhoea in bed -
normal breathing till 3 PM

Repeatedly vomited - when she is happy &
this morning - then slept beautifully till
seems absolutely normal - makes
She is teeth the back makes
I feel like water on earth
but nose is better
throat still sore
Don't feel any of
we are all enough
to call
the doctor