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My own darling one -

I wrote last in the middle of Gallagher's visit -

The next day we spent hours along the canal and in the wood - where she collected primroses and ferns which I heard today she managed to transport safely back ~~with~~ with her to Forest Gate. It was refreshing to have her - she was in great form and we all enjoyed her. She brought the children red cross aprons and caps which she had made from some of her own old aprons & caps. She also brought them some toffee she had made - She brings her rations too so we have a good time altogether - It was glorious weather all the time she was here and we had our tea outside each day - but the day she went the weather changed and it has been cold, windy & wet ever since -

On Saturday the children had their school party - They were taken out to tea in batches at the "Green Turb" I've never been there - Gal: & I took them to the school for the party & then we went on to Crooklets & round by the

beach have. The tide was low with the stretch
of wet sand you want me to paint some day
It was grand. We had told Mabel to collect
the children and so we were able to take our
time - Gallagher also did her special walk - yes -
books in hand. and when she went she forgot
her macintosh!!! which I posted to her today,
when I posted you your parcel. not a very
big one today -

In "Epile" - that little milliner & clothes shop opposite
Knight. I got a little green beret which tones
well with Gillian's coat. so that has solved
another of my problems - I shall now keep
the bits of cloth left over from the coat to make
a pixie's ~~hat~~ bonnet when it is cold.

By the way M^{rs} Smith has been ill again
but is convalescing again. Dr Morgan says
he is marvelous but is not likely to live more
than another year (or two at most.)

Barbara Ricketts had to have an operation -
appendicitis. Did I tell you this? She is back
again now & looks the picture of health
but is to have a month's holiday.

The rock plants are in bloom now & Gallagher

delight. Mrs Bavelony was rather touched (3
with our miniature garden also miniature
"pond" - the tadpole tank. She always used to
be interested in our pond. She is a charming
lady & always seems so interested in one - but
flings a million sort of leading questions at
one & before one has answered she asks a million
more. She wanted to go straight back to
Cambridge and tell you all about us - They both
thought we all looked marvelously fit. Since
our second dose of serocalin has begun
to take effect we are all full of beans and
such a good colour - even Penma has flaming
red cheeks.

I've been to the last two dancing lessons and
Miss Broke danced Penma round the dance
hall twice at the end of the lesson much to
her delight.

Now for your letter - It was too bad you had
"homework" after such a heavy week. I do
hope this week ~~has~~ is being lighter. Dr Bard
said you looked well. I'm glad to say -
Wouldn't it be grand if this year ended the
European war - But even so it will take time
as you say to get supplies back to normal. I shall
continue to go slowly on reserves. But we have

plenty -

Lillian is thrilled with your promise of a them set
She says she is going to ask you for a bath set
- but you'll hear soon. Tomorrow is the last day
at school - then she'll have more time & things -
Glad Adeline's meeting went so well -

What a lot of meetings you have had but I'm
glad you plan to take some time off at Easter
and have some lovely ceremonies & attend -
I posted the mathematical set and some soap in
a separate parcel from your usual one -

I'm glad Miss Lorraine is so hospitable -
I met Mr Yeo today - and he has let me have
the blue tea set we were both bidding for. He says,
also, that you may have the pewter mugs if
you like them - I thought of them for your birthday
unless there is something else you want -

The children are thrilled at the idea of making
a special tea for me on Sunday -

I'm going to seal up this letter now & post it
on the way to school tomorrow - If I keep it
after it is difficult to find morning time & answer
it and I do like to post it before noon so as
to make you getting it before Sunday -

All my love my dear darlings are - May 15 seems
miles away - but it is one of the loveliest times of
the year - Take care of your dear self till then -
Your own Ada -