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My own darling One.

I wrote last in the middle of Gallaghan'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 & 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 Tanks" 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 home. The tide was low with the stretch of wet sand you would use & paint some day It was grand. We had told Mabel & collect the Children and so we were able & take our time - Gallaghan also did her special walk - yes - book in hand - and when she went she forgot her macintosh !!! which I posted & her today. When I posted your parcel - had a very big one today -

In "Gaile" - that little milliner + clothes shop opposite Knight. I got a little green beret which tones well with Gillians 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 ~~hat~~ bonnet when it is cold.

By the way Mrs Smith has been ill again but is convalescing again - Dr Morgan says he is marvelous but is not likely & live more than another year (a two at most.)

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

The rock plants are in bloom now & Gallaghans

delight - Mrs Bowlby was rather touched 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 us - but flings a million sort of leading questions at us & before we 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 serocalcin has begun to take effect we are all full of beans and such a good colour - even Penna has flaming red cheeks.

I've been to the last two dancing lessons And Miss Brook danced Penna 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 -
Gilliam is thrilled with your promise of a theatre
She says she is going to ask you for a birthday
- but you'll hear soon. Tomorrow is the last day -
at school - then she'll have more time & things -
Glad Addenbrooks 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 Lorrain is so hospitable -
I met Mr Yeo today - and he has let me have
the blue tea set we were both adding to. 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 would -
The children are thrilled at the idea of making
a special tea & we 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 more time & answer
it and I do like to post it before noon so as
to make you get it before Sunday -
All my love - how dark are - May 15th 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 -