

Rosemary Cottages
Granville Terrace
Dude -
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My dear Daisy -

Two letters, p.p.c.'s to the children and this afternoon the parcel of books was on post today. Mrs. Tabe did not turn up so I had little time to read my own letters & did not read the children's p.p.c.'s. Gillian rushed to answer hers - the red pencil letter, and as she refers to the new Bible, I presume you mentioned it. When the parcel came she was delighted with the History - but furious with the Bible - wouldn't even look at it. I think she thought it was to be instead of her lovely one - but I couldn't persuade her to have anything to do with it - tho' I assured her she should keep her own. Perna then pleaded to have it as she had always wanted one she said. So I gave it to her & said she must ask Gillian to read it to her. She marched off in triumph saying "Well I think it is a very good book." Gillian was already deep in her history book.

I don't reduce Mrs. Tabe's visits - I always have her all I can - she promised to come today - I don't know why she hasn't. She came yesterday and did as much in the one day as Joan would have done in a week! and when she left smilingly said "I'll see you tomorrow."

If I could only come on her every 3 or 4 times a week.
I'd gladly dispense with any other help as she is so
satisfactory. I shant let her go in a hurry. But
as she is so uncertain the only thing is to try and get
an "under call up" aged person - and Mabel is as good
as any - better than most. So I hope she will come
back full of beans. She sent the children P.P.'s
today. Perhaps M^{rs} Tafe will come tomorrow instead of
today. She was coming today anyway.

Well, I got through my work & left the dinner in
the oven while I went to a little shop by Flexbury
Church & try & get Gillian a nice hood & cloak. I wear
over her new blue coat in the great storms we
often have during the spring term - I could not get a
cloak but got a blue american cloth mac & bow
wester - that is big enough to cover her well and
go over any of her coats - I got Penma a cloak
so now they are set up for weather.

M^{rs} Russell gave Penma a nice pixie bonnet of
jeans & a pair of gloves - she knitted Gillian a
blue pixie bonnet - so in outdoor things they are
set up. I've plenty to do to their indoor clothes but
as soon as Mabel comes back we can tackle those.
After going to the Flexbury shop we went on to M^{rs} Hoops
and ~~the~~ Margaret have & dinner with us. M^{rs} Hoops
called for them all at 3pm & took them for a walk - so I

had a quiet afternoon and got the washing etc done. Then³ as we finished tea the Russells came in - so the children were a little late getting to bed.

The Russells came to dinner on Monday and were delighted with the Chinese food. After dinner & rest time - 3 p.m. they took Gillian off to tea with them and Berna & I slept till 4.30 p.m. - I'm nearly well now. I'm glad to say my cold did not run to ears, eyes, cheeks & frontal sinus as it ~~do~~ did all last year. The children have been very good & happy. They have done all my shopping for me - Gillian advanced a lot in this line. I let her send Winnie's telegram which we signed "Morgilda". Here is Winnie's reply. When Gillian can light a gas fire - and make me a cup of tea (she can do this now if she boils the kettle by the fire) but when she can light the gas for it - I shall feel tremendously independent of living in or daily servants. If she can make me a cup of tea - I can get up & do the work - and I can keep well if I do not need to go out in all weathers. That is when they can go to school without me - or do my most urgent shopping. But all in good time. Meanwhile she is not very interested in domestic work but has been enjoying the school broadcasts and has kept herself busy with her own occupations, while Berna has helped me. Both children can make toast now.

Now for your letter - I was afraid you couldn't get a trench⁴ in Bath - but glad Daisy took care of you.

I posted you a parcel but forgot to put in some sugar in it. I'll send you some next week so please use some of your reserve. I'll try to send a little now and then -

You seem to have had some rotten weather - so have we - Hail battered the windows so hard in the night I feared it would break them. But the bad weather has kept to the night & early mornings clearing up as the day went on & even giving us a little sunshine - There are a few crocuses open in some gardens.

The fur helmet will be lovely of me - on these bitter days if I have to go out.

Good job you did not depend on going to Winnie. The P.C. tells further news of the invalids. I'll not send the green rug just yet - I've not even found time to get my spectacles done up & sent off -

Glad you had a good time at Bristol. Sorry Uncle E is such a . . . what shall I say. I expect he was a great worry to your father -

It was good to hear your voice last night. Did the new secretary call Tuesday? Hope you'll enjoy the pantomime on Saturday.

I know something of how you feel about Beechen Cliff having had a rather similar experience. On returning to China in 1904 - There were all our child haunts only heaps of burnt out ruins. There was not one house or part of a house standing that any of the

missionaries had lived in. One courtyard was partly⁵⁻ recognizable. But a new church replaced the old and new classrooms replaced the rooms that were part of our old home - and a new two story house replaced our old dining room. Only the two old acacia trees ~~left~~ between which our swing used to hang still stood unharmed -



I almost wished I'd never returned to that city. But with Daisy at Dimpley Stoke & Winnie at Chalfont you can avoid Beechen Cliff a bit, till the place is rebuilt. I'm glad Daisy is out of it - and Hilda.

Thank you for your letter re N.P. Bank. I understand and am glad we've done so well - as we have. I'm sorry the balance is not as big as you thought - but glad the year is better than you anticipated. Congrats on your own credit balance at the end!!!

Darling, I know that Bude is remarkably easy to run compared with anywhere else - that is why I shrink from any change. We are half through the winter now & the children a year older & therefore easier than last year - I've got far more resistance to disease - so have the children - so don't worry. It is you my Darling we miss so but we've had a lovely holiday together so that will set me up for a while. Bless you you are so precious - All my love - Ada.

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How awfully
re Janet - but what
fun. She looks happy
& he too.