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My own dear one

I'm writing before breakfast again because I am going to London by the 10.30, and I shant have time to write after breakfast, because I am going to have a lesson in washing from Violet. She is going for her holiday this week not next, because if she went next week and stayed for nearly three weeks it would bring us so near the end of July that I should have no time to go to Hawkhurst to help Bridget if she should want me.

I dont think Violet will go away to do war work. I have had a long talk with her about it. And she says she may have to go home to her mother, but she does not want to at all. Of course it is pretty dull

for her ~~best~~ there. She says that if she once went away from baby for a long time she does not know if she would ever get into her again. Because when its not your own child you lose interest when you are away. So the suggestion I have made is that during the winter she should go home twice for a month, and I think that might keep her Mother going. I think Violet thinks it quite a good idea.

There's a lot to be said, I think for not being clever. I think it makes human relationships more easy. If one knows a person is very clever one is apt to make an effort not to give ones self away when with them; and if a person is try not to give themselves away they are usually rather uninteresting. This is apropos of Olive Kennedy who wrote a long and amusing letter to Bob, who she does not know at all. But she did not think of doing so to you because you have the reputation

of being clever, and you are dead. Of course
she was wrong. I doubt ~~think~~ ^{it's} a question
of cleverness ~~of~~ or not which ^{should} make one
afraid to give ones self away with people.
It should be whether the person is full of
human love and charitableness & humor, or
whether they are stiff & shockable.

When one gets to know people well that
is what counts. But as things are now
if one is told that a person is clever
one say to ones self, mind your b's & g's.

I think this must be because of the
classic education of the past.

You had to have a classic education to
be called clever & educated. And I think
it is very apt to make for narrow minded-
ness & self satisfaction.

You may guess from this that if we
ever have a son, & I want two or more, that
I shall be very much aposed to a classical
education, unless the child were very keen
about it which is not likely.

It's rather depressing to me that you
cannot even look forward to have

yet. It will be so lovely to have you even
for only a few days and to be able to
talk to you, oh and have you altogether.
If I hear from Mrs Reade to say so I
am going to tea with her this afternoon.
I hope I shall I should like to.

I am going to send you another cake
soon. I should think you ought to be
about ready for it. I hope you have
got the Bazaar cake & the ham by
now. I gather that you have not yet had
the parcel that I sent to the 15th H A G
that had your watch cover in it among
other things. If you don't get it soon
I will get you another.

I sent a letter from Geoffrey Keynes on to you
yesterday. I open those that don't have
Please forward on them, because then if they
are bills I pay them without sending them
to you at all or bothering you.

It's breakfast time so I must stop.

Ever so much love dearest & many kisses on
your lips & hair and eyes.

Your very loving Ruth