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My dearest George

I am bad! I really feel it. I have kept the Alpine Journal some weeks without opening it or sending it to you & never realising that your article was in it. And now I am going to keep it just one more post to read it before I send it on to you. I had a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Reade this morning saying it was there, that is how I found out. I am sorry.

Last night the telephone bell rang during dinner and we told Marby that it was sure to be Owen ringing up to ask what he should do as one of his chickens had a sore throat & cold & he was afraid it was flu, and would Patari catch it from the chicken. However it turned out to be M<sup>r</sup> Williams for M<sup>rs</sup> Morgan. She went & we could hear her say 'How thrilling! How splendid!' and we were longing to know what it was. She came in to say that Turkey had surrendered & our fleet was to sail up the Dardanelles. It is good news. Mustn't it have been thrilling for General Townsend



to be taken out of prison & sent to make an armistice of that sort. I suppose we shall soon hear the full terms of peace. I am rather glad that Germany's allies are dropping from her one by one. I think it is salutary for her.

I had another letter from you this morning dear saying that you have received a cake & more flour. I hope the cake from Footnum & Mason will turn out good & be well packed.

I am going to lunch with Maary Anne. Eva O'Malley is there & I shall like to see her. Jelly is coming to play at Charterhouse on Jan 26. I have written this morning to ask her to stay here or at The Halt according to where we are. I fear it will probably be here. I hope you will be back by then. I have been to the Halt and stayed longer than I meant to. We talked at some length about when they should leave the Halt. She has written to you about it and I expect you will get her letter at the same time as this one. I have said that I think that the beginning of January is the right time that have time for clearing and time for



us to have a week to move in before the term  
begin. It woudt cause us any very serious  
inconvenience to have to wait till then and if  
you dont come back soon and there is no  
domestic for some time it would be better  
for us that they should stay there a little.

I wonder if you will think I have said the  
right thing. I am trying to strike a ballance  
between their convenience and ours.

Apparently Jane has great fun playing with  
the other children at Ch'house. It makes me feel  
quite jellous that Clara has not got it. I  
think it is the first time that I have had  
a real bad pang of jellousy that Mary Anne  
is there not me. Mostly I have managed to  
be quite philosophical about it

Still another letter from you this morning, it is  
so nice. I am glad you are feeling better after  
the rhubarb pill. It would make you feel a bit  
weck - I expect.

I havent really begun Montessori with Clara yet.  
I dont much think I shall till have been to  
the school in London to learn. But I have  
begun getting her to sit down & work at something



for half or three quarters of an hour before we go  
out in the morning. At present it is chulka, she  
wrote a letter to you and one to Jelly this  
morning. Just scribbles & kisses you know but  
it will train her hand by degrees and she is  
very good and happy doing it and concentrates  
on it quite a fair amount. She has also  
written a letter to you which I am enclosing  
to please her not because there is any merit in  
her scribbles.

I am liking that book of modern history very much.  
But I have far too much to do, quite a lot of  
needle work that must be done some time. I am  
reading four books & have two more that I am  
in a hurry to start. Then I also want to ~~be~~  
have time to make some Montessori apparatus.

There is some that I can certainly make  
myself. I wish the days were twice as long.

That is the worst of my scheme for a Montessori  
class it will take up a lot of time. If it is  
successful it will be worth it. I hope you aren't  
getting tired of the very word Montessori but I can't help  
my mind being rather full of it. I send you so much  
love my own dear

Your very loving

Ruth