

Saturday Nov 23

My dearest George

We are having the most lovely sunny weather here. It does seem a pity to have to stay indoors, still even indoors it is very nice. I have had another letter from you this morning telling of you time with Trafford and your game of football. That must have been fun. I'm glad your ankle behaved well.

You have had a long gap without letters and then you will be disappointed you will only have one from me and some from Meloid to say I am ill. I am sorry I hate you to be disappointed.

I never told you that last Tuesday Agapanthus was missed, on Wednesday & Thursday he was hunted for and on Friday felt pretty sure he must somehow have got killed. However on Friday morning those thought she heard him crying when she was on the terrace so they started hunting again and found the poor pussy shut up in a frame. He must have got in on a sunny afternoon finding it nice and warm

and then Goringe must have shut it down without seeing him. He was very frightened when Mildred took him out and very keen on warm milk, but he seems none the worse now.

The more I read of the Montessori the more sure I feel that it is the right thing and the less sure I feel that I can manage a Montessori class. I fear for one thing that the shortness of the time will make it very difficult. Even specially for a beginning I believe one ought to have it every day. I must somehow get to London and go to a good school of class for a bit. I think that ought to help me a lot although of course I quite recognise that one ought to have months & months of training.

Mary Anne is coming up this afternoon before tea and is staying to tea. I am looking forward to seeing her. Mr Emeay Walker is coming to spend the week end. Father will enjoy that and it will be very good for him. I am looking forward to going down stairs this afternoon.

Mary Anne has now been and gone. It was very

nice seeing her. They think of going to Denton
any way because Owen thinks he will be so
very busy during the Peace Conference because
as so many people will be away from the
Foreign Office. I don't think they will stay
here. Owen wants to go to Limpsfield. Mary
Anne wants to stay here because she likes
the people here so much, but she won't get
her away. It would have been nice if they
could have stayed there.

David Pye rang up just before tea today
to say that his friend he will come here
tomorrow by the train that gets down about
10.30. He will stay the night. It will be
nice seeing him. I wish you were home
then it would be really nice.

I am writing this through conversation which
is a little difficult but the lack of time
makes it inevitable. Mary Anne seems to

think we might have her cook till she wants her. If we could not get one it would be convenient but I would much rather if possible start with permanent servants.

Mary Anne is very keen ~~and~~ about this Young Wives Fellowship; I don't think from what she says that I do feel very keen. The idea is that the members should help one another with the any thing they are in difficulty about in the religious line. They have conferences & retreats. I don't fancy that I want to go to a retreat and I am quite sure that I don't want to send the children to any sort of Sunday school which is one of the things that they try and start as its what so many of the young wives want.

One of the things that Mr Clutton Brock said in his book was that nearly any one who is really religious has always thrown aside their first taught idea of religion and has found ^{their own religion} ~~it again~~ for themselves. Therefore as I believe that to be true it more than ever seems to me that one should not

load a child with much doctrine but should teach as little as possible and when you do have to explain doctrines of the church that do not seem essential one should definitely say that that is a church belief but that every one does not believe it and that the child can use its own judgement. Of course that is for a child much older than Clara. Then when the child comes to the age when he ~~was~~ finds his own religion he will not have a mass of stuff to put aside and so feel that he has completely lost his faith; whereas if he had not all that doctrine he could find his faith without that feeling of loss.

Good bye my dearest I do hope you will get back soon.

Your very loving
Ruth.