

Dec 19. I dated yesterday's &
the letter of the day before wrong, a
day after the right one.

My dearest One

Its already after seven so I dont think
you will get a very long letter. I have had
a busy day. After I had finished with class
in the morning I took a goose & fowl to the
town & sent the goose off by passenger train
to Birkenhead & the fowl to our old Cooky,
they were a bump to carry!

I hope the Birkenhead people will be pleased.
I am not sending all the family children presents
because I do not think they are sending any.
Mary has already sent me a little stone ware
jam pot, so she wont be sending anything
else and I know Doris isn't and we have
already given Avie's children things this year.

David Pye rang up this evening to ask what
was happening to you because he hoped you
would be home and wanting to climb. It is
sad that you are not. I dont think there
is a bit of good repining because you did
not come home when you had the offer, of course

as things have turned out we wish you had but one can only do what seems right at the time.

I quite thought you did the right thing as you know, I felt certain that you would do as you did.

I had a letter from you this morning and this evening which is very nice.

You seem to think that I shall be very distressed about your desire to have the old nursery still. I am not a bit & Violet does not mind so we will certainly say the old way it has its advantages. I meant the spare room to be the day not the night nursery. It has two big advantages, it is warmer than the top room & would need a smaller fire & use less coal and it is less far to carry the meals. The fact that it is near the bath room is counter balanced by the fact that the other way the nurseries are close together. The great advantage of the upstairs day nursery is that

it faces south instead of West and will get much more sun.

If the upstairs masonry does not work we will move it down stairs later but I think it will. It seemed easier in getting maids to say there was only one flight of stairs to take the meals up but I am pretty sure the girl I have will not mind.

I did not know that you were against the plan or I would not have had it.

I think I shall manage the move alright by myself but of course I shall not enjoy it as I should have done with you.

I do wish you were not still having headaches I think you ought to see a doctor or else get glasses if you are sure it is your eyes. You must not get neuralgia again, it made you so seedy and miserable.

I am very glad that you can play football again that is really splendid, I don't think there can be much left wrong with the ankle. I have an awful lot to do before Christmas in the way of letters and small parcels. I am

rather relieved that you have flown at your own
now because I was afraid I had left you
short for Christ mess.

What do the other half of the battery think
of your mess, dont they think it rather nice?
And what is their's like?

When I had finished Stephen Tallents' book I did not
think it very good though I enjoyed reading it
because it is about Bridget. I found that Ka
was very disapointed in it and thought it not
good enough to be worth doing. I dont think
Stephen is taying for perfection at all. He feels
a desire to write and he does so without having
nearly enough time to do it as well as he can,
at least I dont think he can have time, but
perhaps he never could do better. It is possible
because he seems satisfied with what he has
done. If he were any thing of an artist I do
not think he would be.

I must end now Darling & I will taye and answer
you letters more tomorrow.

Your very loving
Ruth.