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My dearest One

I have had two letters from you this morning dated the 22nd & 23rd. They make me even more glad if that is possible that you are coming back soon. It must be simply miserable to live with people who will drink too much and make beast of themselves and then be cross afterwards.

I am very glad you have got to waiting again. I expect you will find it just a little tiring bit of a wrench to have to stop it for school work even though school work means home.

I hope you will succeed in seeing Bob before you come back. His leave is due about the end of January. I hope he will be able to take it then.

I wonder if you will be able to go on with your book at all during the Charterhouse term

It would be a good thing if you could but I rather doubt if you will be able to.

What good news it would be that you could stay at home whenever you got leave if we did not now expect you home much sooner than that I have been reading the New Europe this morning There is an article on Christianity and Politics The writers point is that personal leadership is necessary and that the present social democratic movement ignores that necessity. Also, which every one knows, that the leader should be a leader morally as well as intellectually if his leadership is to lead to the finest result. There is also a long article of Belgian Neutrality which told me a good deal I did not know.

I have not thought much about a gardener for the Hall, but I should think we had better get a man two days a week if we can so long as you stay at Charterhouse after that until you make money again we shall

not be able to afford it, but then you may find you have more time to work there yourself. I think the cost of a gardener for the day will have gone up a good deal, but even to have one one day a week would be very useful. I don't know how much time I shall get for the garden but I'm afraid it may not be a very great deal.

I think we shall move into The Holt on Monday the 13th. I have just rung Maoy Anne up and that is all right for her.

Owen has got influenza, fortunately fairly mildly but he has got up before his temperature was quite normal & apparently feeling very weak and ill. It does not sound to me very wise after my experience because I did stay in bed till I had been normal two days. It will be an awful nuisance if any one else gets it because it will mean that we shall not be able to get in by the beginning of the term and I don't at all want a move during the term.

nor I am sure do you. However, no one but me had had it in this household so I dare say they will be as fortunate.

I am glad you have got the picture I wonder when we shall be able to get it over I shall be so thrilled to see it. Have you any idea in your head about where we shall hang it?

I hope the colours of the drawing room will suit the picture. I suppose its an oil though I dont think you have told me.

I like what you have told me of the idea of the Book of Geoffrey, I hope you will have some done when you come home for me to read I am really moved by the thought that you have got at your writing again I do so want you to have a real chance at it. You have not been as fortunate in your companions in the battery as you were in 40.

My dear I do send you so much love & it does thrill me to think that you may even now be packing or starting on your journey.

Your very loving
Ruth.