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My own Dearest

It says this morning that the German delegates really have gone to Foch although there was no news that they had yet arrived. I can't think there is any doubt that they will make peace. Why should they go if they do not intend to? I am very thankful. I wonder how soon it will be ^{that} before you get back. I am very impatient for that. I thought that when we had peace I could wait patiently for you. But now I know I shan't be able to.

Mrs Trew rang up this morning to say she couldn't have me to tea, it is tiresome because I very much want to get ahead with that scheme. I hope Mrs Trew will be some use, I must have someone else to manage the ear training which is so fearfully important. My ear simply is not tone enough. There is no use counting on Mary Anne because it's most unlikely that she will be near us for

more than a month or two after we go back. It was wet this morning so Clara could not go out and I gave her a new lacing frame & boot buttoning frame. She was very pleased with them & undid & did up both. She needed some showing but on the whole tackled it very well. It was quite difficult & hard work to her but she was ~~for~~ very keen to have them again this afternoon. For the present at any rate I shall only let her have her Montessori apparatus when I am there to keep an eye on her. I don't want her to lose interest with too much familiarity nor to ~~me~~ just make toys of them and use them wrong. I should like her have her in fairly good working order before I start other children.

The Tallents are coming to the Halt this week end and Ursula here and we have ~~arranged~~ that Ursula & I are to go and dine at the Halt on Saturday. M^r Wier is also going to be here for the week end and Father seemed to

to be wishing that Hamula was not going to be here as it would make M^r Wier shy and less himself.

I am looking forward to Saturday evening it will be great fun.

I had a letter from you this morning telling me the Major L.G. had been sent for to Versaille. Great fun for him.

I am sorry you have got alarmed about the influenza but I really don't wonder. I was very lucky to get off so cheap. I don't now think either of the children can have taken it from me and we are being so careful of them as they have colds that even if they did start it I think it unlikely that they would be very bad.

I didn't try and see the Hawthorns for two reasons, one that I was very pushed for time and the other that if there was flu in the house I wanted to avoid it.

I have not heard from Jelly although I wrote to her when I got back so I fear she may have got it badly. It may be only that she has not troubled to answer. She

is never very prompt.

I expect you will see Trafford directly the war is over. Doris is not in danger now, I don't know if she will be when the baby arrives. I do know that as the clot goes away there again comes a danger that it may move.

Nurse got her situation as sister at a big military hospital and has arranged to stay here. five weeks longer. Then she is pretty sure Father won't need a nurse any more.

I have just had an answer to my advertisement for Montessori apparatus, a lady in St James' Court answers that she has one that her son has grown too old for. I rather wish now that I had waited to advertise ~~on~~ before buying anything.

But if I have two or three children some duplicates will do no harm. It's a good thing I have your sympathy, I get so much mild contempt from other quarters, Father specially. I can't see any sense in being contemptuous of what other people are keen on. I do think that when I have Clara to myself at the Hall I shall have a better chance with her, she is very easily disturbed but other children doing the same things should not disturb her so much.

Just think we may have peace tomorrow or the next day!

Your very loving Ruth.