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Dearest

Here is Tuesday & I have had no letter since Friday evening: I expect it is much more the posts fault than yours and I know you must have been very busy, but if you have to have a long gap between letters, do try just to send one line to say you are all ~~we~~ right but have not time for a letter. I do so dreadfully want to know you what is happening to you.

This morning I have spent most of my time reading and have read the first article in the round table. I am glad I have read it. It has stiffened me up a bit. I so want the dreadful war to end; ~~that~~ and I have been thinking that perhaps if it is a draw it may possibly be the best guarantee for a future peace, because if no one can win people may see the uselessness of war. But this article says that the

only hope for future peace lies in having an ~~so~~ international law which we are all pledged to defend, and that our armies shall be kept up for that purpose only.
Well that does seem to me to be a more and better guarantee of peace than people merely seeing it is useless and does not pay
We thought the Germans would see that before this war.
But then if we are to deffinitely win it surely cannot be over this year, & and the loss of life is so awful, that might it not be better to risk a less sure peace for the sake a saving the lives.
If so very many of the best are gone.
~~who will~~ will there be enough people clever and strong enough to see that the right sort of peace is made and the right sort securities for future peace given.
Do answer this if you can. You have read the same sort of thing in the round table before I know.
Its a day of very heavy showers and sunshine alternating but I wish the showers did not take up so much of the time.
Polly is here she seems pretty well and in quite good form. I wish she had not got

a slightly irritating effect upon ~~me~~ me.
Not all the time but some times when she comes into the room I want to get up and go out. I think what it is, is that I like her very much when I dont want to do anything but she is somehow such an interuption.
I have been thinking much about the pattern for the tea service I am to paint and I have one design but I cant go much farther untill I know for certain what shaped cups Nancy wants. I think I want a shape like our breakfast cups here only smaller of course. I like the shape that Marjorie is doing now, the lip turnes over a bit ⌣ only its rather tiresome in some ways to do just the same shape that some one else is doing still if Nancy likes it best I dont mind.
I am going with Bridget to see the Brooks at tea time or just after. Bridget knows Mrs Brook they were at an art school together for a bit.
We had a lot of songs yesterday evening Polly played some lovely Irish ones, Bridget sang a little, then Marjorie sang a lot she knew. I think Polly will take her piano from the Hall

as soon as she had a house of her own.
It will be rather blow for Mrs Green wont it.
We shall have to have saved enough Money
to buy one for ourselves when we go back
shan't we. I do think we might try to
get a nice looking one as well as one with
a good sound. I am soon going to get my
pass book and try to find out how matters
stand; then I will let you know. I do think
we ought to be getting on a bit.
The others insist on giving me a birthday
present so I am going to have something in
the way of clothes because although it may
not be absolutely necessary at this
moment it will save in the end. And at
present things are getting more and
more expensive.
Have you ever heard of Sibil Cooper, she was
at Parions Field with Marjorie, and sometime
with me. Bridget told me that Mr Travellian
said she threw away the chance of her
life when she refused to marry Geoffary
Young. If Geoffary Young is a sympathetic
person and I have always imagined from
what you have said, that he is; I should
not think he would have been happy

with her, because although I think she had a great charm and strong attractiveness I do not, she was at all sympathetic, I think she was rather hard and certainly could be exceedingly rude. Her people live in the lake district near Keswick I think.
I have heard you and Mrs Reach talk of Geoffreys love affairs so you may be interested in this.
Sibil was one of those girls that other girls at school are very apt to fall in love with. I did my self very mildly. She could sing beautifully.
Well darling I suppose I must stop writing and go and be sociable.
I did think the story of our sea fight was fine when I read it yesterday.
Many kisses for you my dear, dear, dearest.

your very loving
Ruth.

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