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My dearest George

I dont know what to do I cant settle down to anything. We are simply waiting and listening to hear the first thing that shall tell us that the news of Peace has come. We may hear any time now.

I dont think I can possibly write you an intelligent letter I am too full of waiting imotion I have had your letter about going back to the Holt. I see no reason at all why the coal ration should prevent us. We shall have the same that the O'Malley's would have had and we must be economical and manage on that. Also as I said yesterday we must chop wood.

If we stayed here we should be helping to use up the Westbrook coal ration. Oh no we must go to our own house.

Dearest, please do try and get back quickly if you can do any thing towards it, I do want you so much. I wish Mr Fletcher had answered that he would apply for you as soon as the war is over.

I did get your letter asking for a plane and chisel & I meant to ask Father about it and then I forgot it I am so sorry.

It's come dear the bells have begun.

I didn't write any more then but I went to church. We all went except Father and nurse and the children who were in bed for their morning sleep. The church was crammed although people had only had the warning of half an hour of bell ringing. We got there just as the service was beginning. They began with the National Anthem and then we had 'We thank Thee all our Lord' the Psalm 124, then a few prayers, then 'Let Saints on earth in concert sing' followed by the Te Deum. Then the National Anthem again, specially for the King.

It was really very nice. This afternoon I took the children into the town to see the flags. The High Street & Church Street have been decorated with flags. Clare & Betty each had a little flag to wave. I hope Clare may manage to remember it. Any way she knows its because you are coming home soon

and she says she is going to write to you again to ask you to come.

Now I feel rather more capable of writing a coherent letter.

I have been to tea with Mrs Trew and she is very keen to have class for Patricia. In fact she behaved exactly as I expected. She wanted the class but did not want to know much about it. I offered to lend her my book <sup>but</sup> she showed no keenness so I did not pass it. She says she will come and help me by playing the piano whenever I liked.

I must now see if Mrs ~~Frank~~ <sup>Philip</sup> Fletcher and Mrs Smart will send their children & I must arrange to go to London to get taught myself a bit. The sooner I do that the better I think because after Christmas I shall be very busy going getting into the Holt.

Mrs Trew said that Mr Fletcher said this morning that he would have all his staff back by next term. That's nice isn't it. I do want you back again so much my dearest.

I went into to see Mary Anne after I left Mrs Trew & sat and talked to her and Bridget for a bit. Bridget is a dear she has asked me

to stay with her a bit when I am in London  
She said that Stephen is very much taken with  
Clare and Bessy. They did look sweet last night.  
Clare was wearing a new wool backed cream satin  
frook with a soft pink ribbon round her waist  
& Bessy was wearing the white silk with  
pink smocking. Clare was very nice & friendly  
too.

Mary Anne asked me to thank you for your  
letter which she was very pleased with. Bridget  
said it was so nice that she want a letter  
from you and she sends her love. I said she  
has better write to you and she said she  
would but I dont suppose she will. She is  
very bad at writing letters.

An evening paper has come with the armastice  
terms. Its the servants paper and they are  
going to bring it in when they have finished  
with it.

Dearest have I given you any proper impression of  
how pleased and happy I am about peace and  
how very very thankful

Farewell dearest

Your very loving  
Ruth.