

Sunday Nov 12

My dearest one.

I do hope you realised from my letter yesterday that you are expected to be thrilled by the fact that Clare can now stand. I have put it down in my book about her.

I went to call on Mr & Mrs Wimberly last night yesterday at tea time. They were in. They have a little boy of ten with them. They are expecting Dick home very soon for home. Their leave began at Nov 9 and he is to have it one of the first because it is so long since he has seen his parents. They came back because Mr Wimberly was ill. He seems very quiet & dull but that may be because he is ill or merely because the conversation was not interesting him. She I think is nice.

I am wondering so much when I shall hear that you have got your new under clothes that Robert and I bought for you and whether they will be all right. Also I want to hear that you have got the rug to cover up your door way. I am with the your man when he does not think your British women very suitable



for the purpose though I expect it is the best you can manage.

It does take an enormous time to get an answer to any thing. I have almost forgotten what I have written sometimes when I get it.

I asked you two or three days ago what I should do with that £130 the remains of the legacy. You will have to invest it in War loan or exchequer bonds or one of those things because the bank won't allow any thing else.

I think the way the government are making the banks collect for them is jolly good. I am quite sure Mr Ranwothy has got his orders to take in every penny he can and he is very successful at it. He told us that some lady had had three or four hundred left her and that she did not intend to invest it but meant to use it straight away on charitable purposes very likely. Mr Ranwothy told her she had no right to do it. That the government wanted the capital and that she must invest it with them. He said she was very angry and that he stuck to it. He did not say what happened



in the end.

I have got to the place in Boswells life of Johnson when they have just taken their tour of the Hebrides but the tour itself is left out. I suppose it comes at the end of all. I have not looked because the other volumes are in Father's study. Johnson writes some very nice letters to Boswell about that time. One telling him to stay at home and not come to London as his wife is going to have a baby and then the baby comes & its a second girl. I wonder if he ever gets a boy. He is evidently very sorry the second was a girl. I wish people didnt think girls such a misfortune. I think theyre lovely though of course I would like a boy too.

My china is what is really thrilling me just now But I'm afraid I shall not get much time for it today. I am going to fetch Helen from Paines Field after lunch in the pony cart and Father and Mill will take her back after tea.

Having her out to tea means a lot of grind for us now we have not a motor.

I hate the people who are just as extravagant as



ever now. Nail Frager came here yesterday afternoon in a big car and a fur coat, that must have been bought since she was because she has only left school since then, and dark blue kid boot. I hate it. We deserve as a nation to fight till people stop it, but it's jolly hard luck on those who are fighting and who don't do it.

I do think we must never think it is not reasonable to expect ~~us~~ to be better than such & such a standard, because that <sup>is</sup> better than a lot of people are. The world will never get any where untill people make up their minds to do their best in every way. This has come out of a discussion of shares which we hold.

They are called Dalgetty & Co. But in their ~~papers~~ annual report they do not say at all what they do, only that Australia's wealth seems to make a difference. I said I thought we ought to find out because it might be something bad that they were doing. Father said he did not see that you could find out always what your invested money was doing. You must get good interest and keep it safe. Then I said what



I have said to you. I think p.b. it would be a good thing to go through our investments some time and see if they are alright. Unless by that time they have all become government.

We must subscribe to the Guildford Hospital. Father says not Charterhouse masters do, so I think it would be a good thing to do it in your name it is just possible that might result in some of the others doing so. Any way I think a subscription of that sort had better be in your name not mine because you are the proper representative of our household.

I think I subscribe to the parish fund but that that is Church and Gadalming is the parish I have been brought up in so that is different. Say it I may

I do wish you could see Clara she is so very adorable My darling I send you kisses, but wait till I see you. I want you with my whole self my beloved.

Your very loving  
Ruth.