

[27 May 1916]

ST. JOHN'S VICARAGE,
BIRKENHEAD.

Saturday

Dearest I am back at
Birken head with baby
but without my box.
My letter to you is in
it. I intended to finish
it here. I had taken
such trouble too to write
a decently long one. I
knew I should not have
much time today.
I am hoping the box
will arrive this evening.
I can't think what
can have happened to

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Harry saw it labeled and
told a porter to put it
into the train. I saw him
come up to tell me it
was in but the train
had started so I had
not time to give him
a tip. I left a message
at Birkenhead to station
and asked them to send
the box up by in a cab
when it came.

I think I can get along
without it. I shall have to
hunt it will be pretty

awkward, because I have
nearly all her bottles there
and the sterilizer. I wish
something didn't always
happen to me on a
journey. I really don't think
the things are always my
fault.

Baby is sitting on my
lap which makes it
rather awkward to write.
She is so good this evening
she has been to sleep in
my arms in the train.
and since we got here
she has played the first
real little child game with
me that she has ever played.
The one always constant

repetition you know.
She sat on my lap and
pulled a card, with a notice
of a mission meeting on it.
The game was that she
kept purposely dropping it,
then I put her to the
ground and let her pick
it up. She went on
for about 20 minutes.

I came back by Chester. It
is a pretty journey from
Mablethorpe to Chester.

I did not look at all at it
because I was awfully sleepy.
Baby wants to play the
same game again she keeps
dropping the luggage label

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she has got hold of
to play with.

Harry was very nice and
hospitable to us both
and most friendly &
affectionate to baby. But
I have told you a lot
about him in the letter
in my box, which you
shall have when it comes.
I do hope I shall get
it tonight.
As far as I can make out
you are the only one of

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Archie's family whom Mary
has much respect for. He
says you and Archie are
throw backs and not like
either of your parents. And
I must say you are not
much like them, though you
have likenesses in a few
ways to your Father. Your
enjoyment of learning especially,
though, thank goodness, its not
so highly developed as his.
Of course your mother is very
tempting. I am sure she

is much more tempting
than ever I am.

I must stop now
and see to baby.

Hasnt she been good
to let me write so much.

Your very very loving

Ruth.

My dear I do hope you are
well now and still happy.