

Oct 30

My own Dearest

I am back again at Westbrook I came down by the 1-10 so I have time to write to you before tea which is specially good as Mousula is coming to spend the night so that I could not write this evening.

I feel that I have had rather a day of it. I went up to the Montessori School directly after breakfast only to find that Miss Rugg was still in bed, so I came away & went to Philip & Tacey in Fetter Lane to see about getting the Montessori apparatus. I found that some of it is impossible to get and what was there I could only have by paying cash and carrying it off with me. I had not enough money to pay for everything so I left one or two & I am going to send a cheque for them & get Helen to fetch them away for me. Apparently by paying cash and walking away with the things they did not come under the head of an order so they were

able to let me have them over the heads
of other people who had ordered before me.
I wish I could get the whole set I think I
shall ~~be~~ try advertising for a second ^{hand} set
as Dr Jessie White advised. But I shall only
do that if I find that other people at Chatter-
house want the class.

I did not do any thing interesting this morning
except get the Montessori apparatus & patterns
for table clothes for you. One pattern I like so
much that I feel inclined to get a mussey
table cloth ~~from~~ ^{to} The Holt of it.

I have had another letter from you today
so they are coming very well now. It must
be an awful bore when people come and stay
and drink wiskey. It cant be so very very
long before you are home now, my dear
and then you shall see all the friends you
like best and we will have a very happy
time.

I liked the letter so much that I had from
you last night. I am not quite sure that I
want you to devote yourself so exclusively to

the things of the spirit that you have no time at all for this life. You might grow like an Indian ~~know~~ Holy man might it you. We must each work our own way, I don't think my spirit wants too much attention paying to it. It's not big enough to fill my life with pure thought without the bread of common work every day work. Don't think that I am misunderstanding what you have said & know you don't in the least mean to cut out work only to stay & face yourself from small matters so that your mind may be clear. Personally I doubt if too much freedom from cares is good but it may be, and anyway you probably won't succeed in getting it though I should feel most pained if you could.

It was so very nice seeing Will & Ka yesterday it gave me huge satisfaction seeing her looking after him. I'm ~~real~~ love Will quite a lot and I was trying to think just how I love him. I think I love him very much as I love flowers & trees & staircases & all beautiful places, he is like the spirit of them. He love plants and beautiful places as I do only more so, he knows so much more about plants and he has a more delicately tuned spirit which gives him a finer capacity. Ka is difficult to explain

I wonder if you will feel what I mean if I say she is like a rich ploughed field all strong and good. I hope she will have children she will make the most lovely Mother.

It makes me so awfully pleased and happy that they both like me. You friends have been wonderfully nice about liking me & I naturally return it, don't I?

Ka has promised to write and say when she and Will can come here. When he is better they are going away to the sea, possibly Dinard and they may come here after that. It would be nice. Will he was ill you know at the time they were married. He got well & came back to London for a medical board he fell on the steps going in & hurt his knee but said nothing about it. When he got home he was very swollen & they had a doctor who said it was water on the knee & he must go into hospital. He went, they did him no good so Ka got him out & looked after him herself, then he started this septic throat that they think he caught in hospital. Isn't that a chapter of accidents? Clare sends you a kiss, she is really anxious to. Good night my own dear. The Italian offensive is good isn't it & quite helpful I should think.

Your very loving Ruth.