

Rharta

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My dear Marby,

Great thanks for your jolly letter, which had a fairly speedy journey for these parts - May 17 to June 27. It found me, or rather I met it in the most lovely country as I was walking along a path with the General & Geoffrey Bruce & Norton. We disembowelled the mail bags there & then & sitting on the hillside devoured the contents.

Of course these last ten days have been nothing but a pleasure trip with collecting as an excuse. It has been a good time in many ways but the rain spoilt the best plans. A juniper camp-fire is a good institution & it has been warm enough sometimes to bathe in a mountain stream in the rain; but the mere beauty of those amazing hillsides has been the best of it - & my white primula. Lord! how I hope we can get it home & that it will be named after me, for I'm certain it's new. I've just been describing it to Ruth so I won't tell you any more - you must ask her.

Your most exciting news is of the Citroen - I hope it's really citron coloured; if I find it painted chocolate & pink or blue & orange or red & green or indeed anything but citron I shall be greatly disappointed. I'd already imagine the flash of father Hugh's blue tie against the pale yellow.

I can't tell you how I'm looking forward to getting back to England at the end of August. It's not the best time, but it's good enough. There'll be plenty of fruit in prospect I hope - but that nobody has already eaten & of course I shall come to Westbrooke to eat it. I had thought of coming back overland in order to eat pears in France on the way; but I've decided to leave my appetite for fruit unspoilt for you.

I'm very glad your red silk has made a good dress. I don't expect I shall collect much on my way back this time - but I have this day bought a fine Tibetan fox skin for Ruth (don't tell her). She'll probably say she can't wear it but I ought to find waiting for me in Darjeeling a dozen small square Tibetan mats for chairs.

I long to make the acquaintance of Raven.

Love to you & to Father Hugh

Yrs. affectionately
George M.