

Jan 5 + 6

My dearest love

It does seem so sad that you can't come ^{to me.}
The joy of you was so refreshed and now
I come up to my room to dress & go to
bed & know that by no possible chance
can you come in to kiss me and
talk and make fun. We do have so
much life together, sometimes in some
ways I feel only half alive without
you. But I have always got my
letters to & from you and I must
keep very alive for them.

I have been feeling awfully well &
strong today. I am very glad so
long as the baby really is there all
right, but I should be glad to be
a little ill to make more sure. There's
no use being impatient. I am afraid
I usually am rather.

We went for quite a good walk
this morning with Hosula & Mill.

But I don't know what is happening
it does not seem to me this visit

of Louisa's is coming off. I think its chiefly her fault. She's not been quite well and I think she must have been over tired this term. She has just been eating & sleeping & doing very little else. She says she is enjoying it very much, so I suppose its all right. It seems to me a little unsatisfactory just to provide food for a visitor. Then Mildred often seems a little hostile to her. I dont think Louisa minds that, but in a way she is very unsensitive.

I think she is going on Monday and I shant be as sorry as I usually am. I expect it will be all right next time she comes. She has evidently been needing rest rather badly & it is nice to be able to give it to her. I had a letter from your Mother today. The Essex Hunt boy has died but the typhoid one is still holding his own. I do hope he will

pull through.

We are having an awful bother with the drawing room chimney it is smoking abominably. Father has burnt it out but that has done no good so we are going to have the sweep on Monday & till then we must use the ~~drawing~~^{morning} room. It is lucky it did not happen at Christmas. Good night dearest.

I have been having an awful morning clearing up the school room. First I went out with Clara as I usually do on Saturday so that Violet can get on ~~this~~ with cleaning the nursery. Then we set to as this room & ticked the table and cleared out a lot of drawers and threw a lot of rubbish away. I don't mind tidying for a little while but it always goes on much too long. I am going to lunch with Mrs Lavine, I'm lazy and wish I was not but I could not get out of it she asked me when I was there. I must go and get ready very soon. I'd

really much rather play with Clare than with
her baby Clare is so much more interesting.
But I do like to watch him and see how
he is getting on.

Do you know Clare had a lovely present from
David this morning. A lapis lazuli necklace.
Of course she can't wear it yet but it will
be awfully nice for her when she is a bit
older.

He is not well again and does not think he
will be able to come here which is
disappointing. He says he must rest and be
well for his airplane work which he has
at last been accepted for.

I hope he will get better quicker than
he expects & be able to come.

Your very loving

Ruth.