

Tuesday May 30 (25)

My darling George

My box came back yesterday evening. So we are all right now. I heard such sad news from Westbrook this morning. Poor old Dan has been shot. He got ill last Monday and became worse and worse. They had the vet. and he said it was gastritis. At last he was so bad that he was howling and moaning with pain, so they shot him without waiting to get leave from Mary. I hope she won't be very upset about it.

It was a maternity hospital that I went to yesterday, and I saw lots of dear little new born babies, they do seem tiny and so light to hold. I can't now believe Clara was ever so small. She was prettier than any baby I saw. But I saw one that was very attractive it had masses of ~~very~~ dark hair, and a funny little brown face. There were three poor unfortunates there who were not married

it is unbarably sad, they will have to part  
from their own little babies, and give them to  
other people to bring up while they earn  
money for them. I did dreadfully want to  
give them some work that they could do  
and still keep their babies with them. If  
I had the power of wealth I would. There  
was another I who did not seem to care ~~very much~~  
that she had to part from it ~~very much~~. I did  
wish I could have had the baby and looked  
after it while it was little and delicate,  
it only weighed four pounds, then it would have  
gone to nice people and have been taught to  
earn its living. It was a boy.

I <sup>am</sup> hear that your Mother had just been to the  
nursery to show baby off to some one. I am  
afraid this may be rather a dangerous place  
for her when she is older. Now it seems to  
suit her very well.

I have got a cover for your watch I hope you  
will think it all right. I will send it off  
today. It was the best thing I could get  
where I looked and seemed to me all right.  
If you don't like it tell me & I will try

again. I am sending you the letter I wrote  
on Saturday and that got lost in my box.

What are you going to do about letters when  
I leave here. You can't have time to send  
all your news to Birkenhead as well as  
to me, then there are all the other people  
who will want to hear about you. Will you  
write your general news separately and the  
rest to me. Is that a little difficult to  
manage? Because if you like I will  
copy out the news from your letters  
every day and send it on every three  
or four days to your parents and they  
can forward it to Mary, Alice and Trafford,  
then I can have it back and send  
some to any one else who may want to

hear. I am going to try and copy  
out some of the most generally interesting  
parts of your letters I have already  
had, to send to people.

Clare has been wonderfully bright and  
well the last day or two, her teeth

have stopped bothering her for a little while I think.

I iced the chocolate cakes for the sale of work yesterday, and I decorated them ~~whole~~ with white almonds and angelica they did look pretty. I do like eating that chocolate when it is hot.

I did not get a letter this morning but I do not expect one every day especially when you are so very busy. I really think you are being very angelic about writing often.

I enclose a letter about the pamphlet from Mr Rendal.

your very very loving

Ruth

Kiss the place where your name is written at the beginning I have kissed it



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