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My dearest

M^{rs} Burton Brown and Bice came yesterday to tea and M^o Brock came too but he had tea with Father. You see Father could not have had them all it would have been too much for him. Clara came down to tea with me in the drawing room because Violet was out. She behaved very nicely and looked lovely, but the worst is that she does take up rather a lot of attention because I have to keep my eye on her the whole time to see that she is not getting into the fire or pulling book off a table or any other of the numerous tiresome things that she quite naturally and properly wants to do.

M^{rs} Burton Brown is just bursting with happiness over the way her boys are getting on at school. They have both had a remove and Kit has gone straight to the top the form and has been

Here so far all the team and he has had
three removes in maths, and now is very
high up. So its something to be proud
of, and they are very happy at Hodgsonites.
They are beardless these now.

Mr Buxton Brown is very well this team
and walking a lot, she walked back
from us to P.F. yesterday, to me it
seems marvellous.

I did not see much of Mr Back but I
shall see Mr Back today and hear
more of them.

Kosula saw her sister yesterday and she is
a little better but not out of the
wood yet, still she is not in any immediate
danger and I think they quite hope
that she wont ever get as bad as that.
Kosula says she is very strong and healthy
so she has every chance.

The sun is just coming out and although
the wind is cold its rather a nice day.
Its funny the way I dont feel the cold
although my hands and feet get nearly

as cold as usual I don't seem to mind it
in the way I usually do, but I just think
how nice it is that the air is fresh.
The more I am out of doors the better it
is for baby I'm sure of that.

Now I want to talk about the extracts
from your note book that you sent
me.

The first No 8 is I think most dreadfully
true, but I think one compares oneself
most with other people when ones own
conscience is just not quite happy.

When I have done something I feel quite
happy about I am happy without comparison.
For instance my bowls that has just come
back from being fixed gives me great
pleasure without comparison. I know if I do
start comparing I shall find a lot that's
but still it gives me pleasure because it's
good.

It is very interesting, you have said something
of the same to me before but were so
definitely. If you were here we could talk

about it a lot and specially I should like to discuss how our inefficiency ought to effect the future education of our children. I think is ought to some how.

What you say about those one 'motif' for your life both interests & puzzles me. I don't feel at all more that I have one for my life, if I have it simply summed in you and the babies. But what interests me most is your life. Wait a bit I think I begin to see more. I believe we are really after the same one only to do it so badly half the time I forget my motif, and you and babies satisfy me in a human way so that I am not unhappy and dissatisfied as I ought to be. The real thing is to get at one with God, then every thing must be in harmony.

I like your not book it gives me such a jolly lot splendid lot of things to think of. Please send me some more some time. I must end this

letter very soon because I am going to
meet Mrs Brock.

I wonder dear if I manage to put myself
into letters at all as you do. Not that
you ever could put all but you do put
a lot. And I do love you so.

I am getting anxious about our spring offensive
every one, no not exactly every one but we
get anxious that the preparations are so
vast. I have heard people talk about it
really very little, but that of course I
have heard so few people talk.

Dear but I must stop.

Yours very loving
Ruth.

