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My Dearest

I had two letters from you yesterday evening and another this morning which was very nice. You seem to have had a tiresome time before you went to Paris. It was a pity Trafford could not send for you. The letter I had this morning was from Paris and was dated the 30<sup>th</sup>. You did not say anything about how you managed your journey. I wonder if you went through Rouen, if you did you did not manage to see Bob or you would certainly have mentioned it.

I am awfully glad you managed to enjoy yourself a good bit in Paris but I'm afraid you will have been rather lonely all the time. It would have been nice if I could have been there with you

I should have been so happy and have enjoyed it so much but it would have been horrid to leave you behind and come home alone, still of course it would have been worth it. I am pretty sure it would not have been wise for me to take such a doubtful sort of journey so soon after an attempt at pneumonia. But I don't like thinking of you all alone there wanting me. No that's not quite true because I do just love knowing that you want me & if you have to be alone I would rather you did want me only I would so much rather be with you.

I heard last night that Doais has a daughter, isn't that nice and want they be pleased! Her's and Aris have come near together. So the grand children are still even numbers of boys and girls.

I heard a sad piece of news today from Mrs Trew, she said that Mrs Bridge is having

another failure. They said had a special list  
down yesterday but he said the birth had  
gone too far to be stopped. I believe nurse  
Munro is also there and has said that  
if its born alive its too premature to bring  
up even in an incubator. It was not due  
till March. I am most awfully sorry it  
will be such a bitter disappointment to them  
both. I did so hope this one would be all  
right. She must be getting too old to have  
much more time to stay.

I am glad you like the new Battery position  
better than the last one. the last one  
sounds simply horrid. All the same I hope  
you will spend almost no time at the  
new place but will get back here soon.

The waiting is worse for you than for me  
because you are not with any one you want to  
be with nor even in the country you want to  
be in and you cant do the work you want  
to do. When I was talking to Mary Anne

about our future and saying that you hoped to take a year off or more to try your hand at writing. She was very keen you should because she believes a lot in your talent for writing. You have not sent back the Alpine Journal, I should like to lend it to her to read.

I am sorry you did not get letters from me before you went to Paris, its a pity the post gives you so many gaps but I suppose that usually happens when you move.

I must get on with some of the problems of moving house before this week. I've got to see about china & see that there is enough for our wants and I must go through all the linen and put it in order on the shelves but I cant do that till the O'Malleys have gone out. Most things will have to be done in that last week while they are cleaning. Its thrilling to think of I do hope you will be back to do it with me.

I am going to write to Mary now. Did I tell you that she & Ralph & family are going to Bickenhead for Christmas. Yours very affectionately loving  
Ruth.