

Saturday Aug 5 (83)

My dearest George

Its much cooler this morning and the sky is mostly cloudy. It would be a very good thing for the garden if we could get some rain.

We had a very jolly picnic up the river yesterday with Mrs Musson, her sister Beatrice Williams and Silvia Cassels their cousin who is at Priors Field & knows Margaret Husley very well. We asked Margaret to come and then found that she was on only coming to Godalming ~~too~~ yesterday. They have taken Priors Field for the holiday. Doesn't it seem to you a very strange thing to do, for a man to go with his second wife to the home he had lived in with his first wife and in which she had died. We took bathing gowns with us, I did not bathe because of my cold ~~but~~ nor did Beatrice but the others did. After we came back we went to their house & played with both the babies for a little. I am going to send you a photograph that Constance took of her & me. I

think its very good. Of course it does not make Clara look as pretty as she can because she is sewing up and laughing, but it is like her & I think like me too.

I had a nice long time for reading yesterday evening, three quarters of an hour before dinner then again when I went to bed, which I did early & by candle light.

Father says he hates reading plays. I but I think they make very good reading.

I dont at all dislike the form.

I dont mind a tragedy nearly so much when its a real tragedy all through and the whole thing leads up to the tragic conclusion. But I do hate a book that ends badly when it might just as easily have ended well.

I dont feel for instance that Romeo & Juliette might as well have ended happily. It would have lost in romance if it had. I should like to see Hamlet acted. Lets when the war is over and it is acted again. I have seen Romeo & Juliette and I enjoyed it immensely. I hope to

start painting my bowl today. I must do
the gourd work any way then I shall
be able to go ahead. I have it sketched
you the pattern you have I, I am afraid
it will be rather troublesome to do
because of the shape.

The war service yesterday was wonderfully
well attended, the church was full. I am
glad we have not got to go through those
days of the beginning of the war again.

They were very dreadful. Of course it was
all mitigated for me to a certain extent
by the fact that I had you.

I must go into bank fast now.

I have had a post card from you which is
very comforting and nice. It must mean
that you are too busy to write, and as according
to the papers not very much has been
going on the last day or two so I think
it very possible that you are altering
your battery position. I wonder if this
is so. I hope it won't be to a dangerous
position.

The French must have been having an awful

time at Vesdren again. They have taken Fleus
been beaten into & retaken it and the Germans
were going to attack again. How men can be
got to do it I cant think.

I am going to the town this morning to see
~~the~~ Deben here about your income tax they
have sent in a demand for £5 odd & I
am not going to pay it till I know its
all right. I dont feel that its much good
sending it to you because you could not
find out where you are what its for
but if I cant understand it, I shall
send it to you. They are asses, they
said it is on the evening of the 4th
& say it must be paid by the seventh.

Dearest I am getting more & more unhappy
about the war. Mom coughed by it. I am
glad its really madly hope full now. If
every thing were going wrong I dont know
how I should feel.

I sent you many kisses dear.

Your very loving
Ruth.