

Writhe to St Leonards-on-Sea

Jy 22<sup>d</sup>/09

Dearest Lais

I suppose you are now back to your quiet sea-side nest with a head full of quite new ideas I am sure I hope you were able to go most of the way by day-light - for I remember seeing Dunfermline Cathedral & Loch Leven Castle where poor Mary queen of Scots was shut up the Bernham wood etc. when it came to the castle in the Beth was to sign its jail etc - & I fancy you must have gone by the same line from Edinburgh across the Tay bridge - Care thinks well of your courage - so do I

I went in to see Miss Muntz today she had just



returned from a visit  
home. I was lacking much  
refreshed. I was fixating  
away at a little girl on  
a hill side blowing a  
dandelion clock.

She inquired when you  
were coming back & why  
said to tell you that she  
wanted you the minute  
you returned, to begin  
the perspective work. We  
understand the exact  
scheme for the early les-  
sons. I said you could be  
sure to go directly you ar-  
rived. Perhaps it could be  
well to write her a line if  
you can. She especially  
wanted to know if you  
had been sketching. I saw  
probably a little. I don't  
hear that you were sketching  
in the Luxembourg gardens,  
though you did not tell us,  
& I was charmed. Miss  
Innery spoke so nicely of  
you, & of what a help you



were in his class always  
ready to oblige, or put  
things right & it was a very  
pleasant hearing of  
me. Now I expect you  
are having our little  
In. to fill up spare hours  
has she any inclination  
towards prints & pencils?  
I hear Selvia has won 3  
out of the 4 school prizes  
in connection with draw-  
ing. Very likely she has  
studied perspective & you  
might look over her book  
or better buy a shilling  
one at any art shop & take  
a daily half hour on ship  
board it wd make your  
work much easier here.  
I hope you will be able to  
take one morning a week  
of painting on your own  
account & it will give  
you a point to meet Miss  
Aunt. If Selvia comes out  
Aunt. I expect her to take  
lessons from Miss In.  
I still intend to leave  
here the 30<sup>th</sup> even is to re



Turn from St. A.'s about  
25<sup>th</sup> unless she prolongs her  
original visit. Alike I  
wants Clare to go & stay a  
week with her, & I hope  
she will, as I can take her  
place.

You will get a shock  
if you come home & find  
no maids here, it looks  
very like it - at present  
still it will work out  
some way. I am having  
the hall repainted & just  
paid an awful bill for  
the roof - but I trust it  
will not leak again  
for some time. I think  
the dreadful flood came  
after gals were gone - yes  
it did!!

We just have taken  
Middle County & little white  
ground up for a walk  
round Mrs. M.'s garden  
showing them the splendid  
holly hocks & glaucous beds  
of geraniums & big trees  
W. S. W. Whitten fell out  
of his window a week



since I broke both his<sup>3</sup>  
wrists & goes about in a  
helpless & rather wretched  
case - They sh<sup>d</sup> have sent  
him to the hospital I think

Very few people in  
town now - It is working  
up to heat again 72 now  
at 9 of & I don't think  
my thermometer goes up  
as high as other people's  
I can't say I find it dis-  
agreeable as long as I  
keep quiet - as I do -

Much love little  
daughter mine - I still  
cannot get over feeling  
that you & Lais are still  
little girls - & it took  
courage for me to let you  
spread your wings &  
fly off. I can tell you -

Love to dear Aunt Glo  
& the little dearylets  
from  
your  
Mother



I found Ruth's long  
last album. Behind the  
large books, below the li-  
brary clock. Dr & Miss Adams  
are going to stay with  
the people who live next  
door to Ruth - the Chappes.  
Ruth has got a second  
maid who knows more  
than the one she got lately  
she had to begin at the  
beginning & Ruth found  
a primary class too ar-  
duous.