

as play of feet  
doing more especially  
about the boat.  
Pray leave them to  
their fate I do not  
buy a new one  
A good deal will  
have to be spent in  
tidying up & fencing  
before one can  
be gone for  
high Margaret

Margaret

I write so often but I fear you will  
have to be content with a County  
response. I am still very busy - two years  
absence & a strange tenor has turned  
things upside down & rearranging Cup-  
boards & drawers great <sup>work</sup> has  
to be done. I had passed  
the bank a day to Row kitchen outside  
Lys at kindly appeared on the Wednesday  
& was to send a Carpenter the same afternoon  
to do pressing work. I waited till Friday  
& no one appearing made a desperate  
effort & got a man <sup>Saturday</sup> to board up cellar  
wall wh: had carried in. & he will  
come again tomorrow to small jobs

2  
All that is wrong with the sink is a  
cut in the lead pipe & Herberts have  
utterly failed to get a man to solder  
it - have hope of tomorrow & remedy if  
that but it seems more difficult  
than ever to get a blackman. Mackides  
is busy building a hotel & hasn't even  
laid away our shutters. Farther than  
putting in my plants the first night  
I have done nothing outside & the place  
looks deplorable. I am not going  
to touch the wreck at the bottom of  
the ground - it is quite beyond me  
to know what should be done with  
it. As to the bottles they are forming &  
not to be found. So it is quite probable  
that you will find the boats quickly  
lying where they were put after the  
storm.

one in the boat-house & am at the  
 side of it. It is just as well I come here  
 early as I will have had no summer  
 rest. As it is <sup>the</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> a discipline & I am  
 shaking myself to patience looking  
 forward to the pleasure of being quite  
 in order in the course of this  
 week. The house from the first has been most  
 comfortable in the matter of food  
 & warmth. Yesterday we had a thunder  
 storm & today heavy rain but it is  
 not cold.

Should Eva be with you do not  
 let her alter her own wishes to come  
 here I miss her much but the worst  
 will be over before she can come & I do  
 greatly prefer that she should stay with  
 you if it pleases her & is my comfort to  
 you

4 ~~George's photos~~ are admiration. I have  
ordered two dogs & three of the large  
size head & bust because the face  
is so excellent.

The note from Mrs Lunkin I enclose  
it be better answered by you & it be  
better merely to say that I am absent &  
save me the trouble of writing to her.

There is no paper, except a little for present  
use, & no usual letter size envelopes only  
a great many smaller one. Only one bottle  
ink at present & I using it — plenty to be had  
later on — to excuse very hard pencil.  
Will by & by send list of other needs.

I have not heard of the arrival of paint but  
I do not expect Leggat to do any more to  
the house this summer. nor to get me a  
Munshon nor anything else. I do not write  
these difficulties in a complaining spirit — it was