

241 University St.
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Dearest-Love - your long letter
arrived this morning, & rejoiced
my heart - It seems to me one of
the best weeks in your life, & if
the dear boys could only live with
you like this in all the vacations
it would be the making of them -
It is the common, aimless, stupid
companionship that is so bad
for them, & Corcoran has not suf-
ficiently definite aims or tastes
to raise himself out of them -
Bernard will have, if we can
succeed in starting him right -
Dear little Saul - He is sure to
find life difficult -

I had to stay all day
with Mrs P - yesterday, as Mrs P
did not turn up, & she really
cannot be left - Dr Roddick saw
her in one of her faint & gasping
attacks yesterday & thought she
was just dying - but she has
wonderful vitality & though
she certainly will be a wreck
if she does temporarily recover -
she might drop off at any hour -
She is wonderfully malleable -

I want a little of the night nurse
settles & washes & changes her
which is the heavy part. - Today
is the last day of school for
the little girls, which I rather
regret. Miss Baker is to take the
watching here in the afternoons
for a few days - I did not like
to hand her over to a stranger
in this state. Ask Bernard
how he thinks she will like
Mrs Carpenter, as a charge
instead of him =.

The party is the part of the
kitchen we will find it
most difficult to do with
out as all the groceries
will have to be unpacked
for use. - If the upstairs
shop could be emptied suf-
ficiently to use for the
servants room till the
other is done? Where else
will they sleep? I ex-
pected they wd use the
nursery - & that the parlour
wd have to do dining
room till the kitchen
was set up, that wd
have implied less time in &

cut of clothes etc - You can always go
over please, but you will have to expect
brooks. It is not much the big giving order
to leave, when she may find the company
be carried out - The only other plan
see is to let the servant have the bag
room & corridor to sleep in the study -
don't like him being mixed up with
them at all - I can take to study as
he can sleep in his cot by gate of office
prefer it. It is not about the one I
brooks if more holes w^od prevent them
from milking. I rather think they might
as the creates have such been done, but
try to buy some.
Don't worry about - no dear I really
need a lot of the pleasure I am enjoying when
getting you off - & can pack the stuff lot with

conferentive work especially when I was
sick up. Lots of needles - The boys went
off, all in as usual - older every which but in
of every spot-taken out - 'There were a good many
be happy & work in - 'There were a good many
reparis on 9 and things too, though, we had not
time to do them so thoroughly - & I hope the good
will also go in order - I don't mean no
one - I don't think we shall have any trouble
the business is received - & I hope they will
of 9 relay evening, & we will send out
them Saturday 9th March. Leave & the 3 children
Yours will have 2 boxes - one party 6 or 7.
I don't think two bookkeepers & a part will
quite enough. Papa & mother hope to go a
few days - & but & I hope we shall
be able to see all part - the 4th or 5th
& another part & this time in a bookkeeper.

I hope it will all go well. Hope
looks uncommonly bright. &
George was slain yesterday =

Mr Peck has been very al-
armingly ill - Remembrance of the
nose - They say an artery giving
way there is very serious, so
difficult to bring pressure to
bear upon it - He was delirious
for several days, from weakness
owing to loss of blood -

"Tom" Esdaile lies at death's
door with Pneumonia =
Sorrow, sorrow = but a word
with sin, & no sorrow will be
worse, I am convinced =

I do hope my thoughtful
kind old love, that you
will be left in peaceful
rest for a little while, till
I get down & we can review
the Robinson Crusoe island
together - Cooky - is going
Wednesday - I begin to suspect
she takes a drop which we
account for many things
the way in which small matters
stand absolutely still at times
Dati said when she came in with

Lizzie last night - there was a
strong smell of liquor, & Lizzie
said - "Give us a drop, do Mary"
& she flew into her room & locked
the door. I shall be glad to
have her off in any case -

Lizzie & Kate are most
good - & they go on all right -
whether I am there or no, Lizzie
is sweet - as ever, though there
is no doubt that I have seen
has awakened up in him, but
I am trying to be sharp with
him & get him well in hand,
rather not - let him get out of
hand. =

Tomorrow is Ruth's last
year of it - threatens to be hot & a
dawn of rain yesterday
& now heat, & good growing
weather. =

Flarenc is to be done
this week - she expects an addition
to the family in Oct & is very
low & much harassed in
consequence - Helen B - is going
down with her & Miss Baker
to take her place in Aug - Helen
intends going into the Victoria
for teaching this fall - even if
daughters cannot find at home.
Sincerely Anne