

Holyhead

May 30<sup>th</sup> 1902

Dearest B.

North Wales

So glad to get your letter it seemed long since I had heard. This Welsh drive having made four days seem 4 weeks so full of interest, in many ways I don't think I ever enjoyed anything more. With a bicycle you could see all Wales at a most trifling cost, & bicycle maps giving all roads, are made & signs put up to warn at every long or unsafe hill & roads perfect. I also noticed small signs with signs as to trees & banks for bicyclers, no doubt less expensive than the old & more pernicious ones. The wheeling has received many signs, quite gone down since the old pasting days.

I am so glad that the girls look well, & that Ruth gets on nicely with the housekeeping. I do hope that the mountain of work before you grows less & that you see your way to an early descent to Metis, for it is only in the early days you can look for much real repose. Here it is quiet enough - but a



little bleak yesterday was  
really fine, & we sat on the  
sand in the sun till we were  
quite warmed through. Today  
it is quite wet, & I am trying  
to get letters written.

I like both Mr & Mrs Atkin  
she especially appeals to me, so  
thoroughly mistress of herself &  
sensible & sure & kind. Blanche  
is a clever little thing, just be-  
ginning the serious lessons of  
life. & it seems a pity she did  
not begin a bit sooner instead  
of just amusing herself.

As to languages - Eva is trying  
to improve my speech - but it is  
the Welsh that charms me, I be-  
lieve I was intended for a philologist.  
I am getting hold of the odd  
sounds our letters have to assume  
& I wish I had a Welshman  
at hand to carry out some  
more. The Welsh hat is gone, & it  
is a pity. I am glad the book  
question is solved for the present  
& I am sure Mrs Cooper will be a  
comfortable person, so pleasant  
& obliging. I hope Mother will  
not be the worse for her visit  
from Mrs Rudolph. & that she  
will take quietly the transition  
to the sea-side.  
With much love dearest  
Your Anne