

To Rosalie Longmore from her son, H.F. Longmore and his wife

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L 50/

Kings Coll. Chambers.

Nov. 4th

Dear Father.

I saw W.
off at the Docks
this morning. He got
off quite comfortably
& knew a lot of people
going out, he has got
a very nice cabin
with two other men.
one he has had in
the same cabin with
him several times
before. every thing looked
nice & comfortable on

board. R. Wood's brother
joins her at Brindisi
on his way to India.

W. asked me to give you
the enclosed paper.

Will you ask Mrs. De C.
~~ask~~ whether there are
any rules about taking
Teet out ~~any~~ + if so
whether she will write
for leave for me to
take him out.

I can't think of
anything else at present.
your affec. son
Harry

L 50/2
Lungs Coll. Cheri
Monday

Dear Father,

I got your
letter all right about
8.00 this morning & the
enclosed for Will.

I found him in
my room after work
on Sat. morning &
then went on to Cook's
& other places with
him & he then went to

Dr. Curnow, & I came
back & had dinner
at Kings in the
evening. Yesterday
we went to Chapel
in the Coll. in the
morning & then went
to ~~see~~ the Macnabst^{bit}
Beau's & then went
on to Dr. Blacker's
& went to Church
& had dinner with
them. I saw him
off from Victoria this

morning at 11.00.

Dr. Blacker also came
to see him off.
he seemed all right
& Dr. Curnow said he
had never seen his
lungs better. Dr. Dalton
said his throat was a
bit wrong, but did not
think much of it.
& gave him a spray
to use.

Tell Mother I paid
him 6/- for my collars.
I thought I told you
they said the brush

was quite worth
putting in order +
~~if~~ if I can get the
ink pot patched up
I will do so.

Thanks for the clock
I am sending home
my drawing certificate
also a letter which has
come for Will this
evening. The last day
or two have been very
Wintery + foggy up
here + I generally
want a fire.

Kings Coll. Monday

I am glad Jack has got
Prouse staying with him ^{L. 50/2}
& that he has got the
dungey all right etc.

I don't think there
is anything else to
say. your cousin.

Harry.

P.S. If they can find
a Garob. Physics I should
be glad of it.

Oct. 23rd / 99.

ROYAL DART YACHT CLUB, L. 50/3
KINGSWEAR,
S. DEVON.

My Dear Mother

Very many thanks
for yours & also for
the Tabloids etc. I
was very glad to get
Jack's letter & am awfully
glad he has got an
appointment which he
considers good. - but
I suppose as Mita says
going to the front makes
her uncommon anxious

ROYAL NAVAL YACHT CLUB
KINGSWEAR
S. DEVON.
Though a supply officer,
I imagine does not
see much actual fighting
+ also I expect by
the time Jack gets up
there, the Boers will be
feeling very sick of
getting licked + probably
will not be showing much
fight -

I am glad Jack
likes the flares, they

are good mes. - ?
am awfully sorry to
hear of Niles' dog's
death - she was awfully
fond of "Flick" - she was
such a companion to
her - My face is
allright again - Have
not heard from Luke
yet - except that
"Nuthollows" the river
is away from home
- No news of importance
Your loving Harry

~~Morgan
Mays~~

Oct. 19th/99.

L50/4

ROYAL DART YACHT CLUB,

KINGSWEAR,

S. DEVON.

My dear Mother

I was awfully
glad to get your letter
telling me that the poor
little Bob's affair had
gone off satisfactorily & I
hope she is still going on
all right. I expect it
heart you & R. & had a good
deal more than her, but
it is a very great blessing
to have got it over.

- I have not heard
any more about the Hamble

ROYAL YACHT CLUB

KINGSBAR

DEVON

ship yet: but hope to
tomorrow. I have been
thinking it over pretty
carefully & feel certain
the ship would pay her
to have far better than
the Châlet - I fancy would
come cheaper - & of course
the Yacht Steward is an
easier than to look after
than the House Servant

I am going over to
Laywell to sleep tomorrow
night & shall have a talk

with Mr. A. as to going
there for part of the winter
simply perfect weather here
& I hope the same with you
as it is nice & cool.

- I got down here all
right the other day. I have
been meaning to write
all the week but have
been out every evening

ever yours loving
Harry

L. 50/5
Kingswear - Sunday.

1899

My Dearest Mother,

I have just got
your letter & am awfully
glad Dr. Stevenson is able to
do the job for you, though
the whole thing is thoroughly
heavily & infinitely worse for
you & Rosie. I expect than
for the Kiddie. Though of course
I suppose the odds & ends that
must be done afterwards
dressing etc. - must give her a
good deal of trouble. I only
hope it will go off perfectly
satisfactorily - which I have no
doubt it will, as I know as
far as the op. itself is con-
-cerned it is quite a simple
one.

one - I got the blotter for Dr
Mathomet & also the traveling
case for Hugh, but as they
were completely out of the one
you wanted - would not be
having more in at present
- I got the next size 2/- more
in price - (18/6) - I will
let you know as soon as
I hear about the ~~press~~ boat
at Hamble - I could not
do anything at the time about
Uncle Lou with Brunet he
was too busy. & I only saw
him for a minute - but I
will send him in the paper
about him & ask him if he
knows of any thing -

It is blowing awfully hard
here today & a big sea -
running outside - Charles's
bicycle - I should let the
other Charles dust over
then vaseline the bright work
- Thanks for sending in the
shop I quite forgot it &
also a Works Catalogue - but
the catalogue can stay at
home - I was out in a
launch yesterday with the
result that I had a go of
neuralgia last night & it
has not quite gone yet - so
am keeping in with a fire
- Our Foreman shipwright
here - knows the Hawble ship
"Maya" well as he did the
work on her when she was

asked in '87 - he says she
was very strongly built & was
a first rate sea boat

- I must stop now. Hope
you will get through the
coming week well

Yours truly
Harry

Monday

£. 50/6

ROYAL DART YACHT CLUB,

KINGSWEAR,

S. DEVON.

My Dear Mother.

Very many
thanks for your
enclosing letter from
Huel & Rosie. I am
awfully sorry to hear
about Charlie, but
hope home will soon
pick him up again. It
is a great thing to
hear such good reports
as to the Pantheon.

They must do things
very well at Wellington
- I shall probably look
in at home next week
as I have say you
have heard from
Jack, that I am
bound for Heligoland
- leaving Portsmouth
with Col. Barrington
- Baker in his yacht
the "Myoni" to race

in the German Duck's
cage race from Dover
to Heligoland. Then
we are met by torpedo
boats & towed through
the Canal to Kiel
- from there I expect
I shall have to shaver
home, as my leave
won't last more than
about 3 weeks at out
side - but I struck
for leave as the chance
was too good to lose.
I hope it ^{will} be
good fun.

- Cousin Jim has been
down here, as Jack
has something wrong
with his head - hair
I mean - & has been
in Hospital - I took
them both out in
my boat up the River
etc.

Perfect weather
✓ I only hope will
last - out my fish
to Germany

- I will write to
C. tomorrow

Yr loving

Harry

(2pp.)

Saywell - Jan. 14th / 1900

Thought you
might like to have the enclosed
back

My dear Mother L 50/7

Ever so many

thanks for your

long letter - & for all

its news - I am

most awfully sorry to

hear about Charlie

- but I believe the op.

is a fairly simple one.

- but it is pretty beastly

- though like Ronnie's kiddies

will not be half as
bad for Charlie as
for you - Certainly
troubles never come
singly & whenever
one hopes you may
have time to be quiet
at home for a while
something always seems
to happen - a poor old
Aunt. dies or some
other trouble -

- I hope Charlie will settle
to have it done - because
it hardly seems right

for a few weeks hardly
ness - in hospital to
throw up the Army -
of course he will settle
to have it done - as
he has got plenty of
sense -

- Poor old Jack - I quite
agree with him that all
the fearful loss we
have been having out
there seems as if it
could hardly be compen-
sated for by the objects
to be gained - but we
can only hope the object

is a right one & that
the end may shortly be
gained - Am very glad
Lord Meltham had him
up & thanked him for
his work. - I think he
must have done well
- I felt ~~sure~~ he would -

It is very sad
for poor old Aunt
Mama - am very glad
you have got Mr. Brain
to make out a power of
Attorney for you to act
for her - so that even
if old Miss Day does not
pull round - he may be able

(2pp) Laywell - Jan. 14th / 1900
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back

My dear Mother £50/7

Ever so many
thanks for your
long letter - & for all
its news - I am
most awfully sorry to
hear about Charlie
- but I believe the op.
is a fairly simple one.
- but it is pretty beastly
- though like Ronnie's kiddies

2

14 Jan. 1900

L 50/7

to arrange matters for
the poor old thing -

The worst of it is that
all this means extra
work for you - as there
seems to be no one else
any good. - Am glad
you shes up possibility
to arrange for the D^r
to call there every week
or so -

Thanks awfully for
seeing about the boat
fear - though am sorry
you bothered about it

in the middle of all
the other worries - I
have sent £5-16/-
to the - As N. Am.

- & before I got your
letter had sent off
your Portmanteau with
Vas. Pat + books in it.
+ various clothes - the
tuck suit, jersey + sea
boots I want kept
at home - in case I come
up to run the boat down
- the other things do as
you like with - There

will probably be two
more suits - to give away
- when I get into my ship
- but I don't want to do
so yet - until I see
what will do for my
man - It struck
me there might be
rather a heavy carriage
Pass. from to Woodbri
so made the cheque
5 - 15/- - to cover it.
- My man goes to
Humble this week &
have told him to report

to you one day to see
if there is any thing
you want doing or send
-ing to Hamble - I have
given him £10 - & if
there is any thing he wants
in a hurry to ask you
for it - I think he seems
a very smart & decent sort
- I hope you won't
worry too much over Charlie
- it is thoroughly beastly
but I suppose must be
gone through with
- I am asking Charlie A
when & where he sails from
- I hope your loving Harry

14 Jan. 1900 £ 50/7
to arrange matters for
the poor old thing -
The worst of it is that
all this means extra
work for you - as there
seems to be no one else
any good. - I am glad
you shred up Messing
& arranged for the D.
to call there every week
or so.

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seeing about the boat
leak - though am sorry
you bothered about it

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the other worries - I
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- & before I got your
letter had sent off
your Portmanteau with
Vas. Pat + books in it.
+ various clothes - the
thick suit, jersey + sea
boots I want kept
at home - in case I come
up to run the boat down
- the other things do as
you like with - There

WHL & Hazel
Egypt etc

L 50/8
Inua House
Cairo.

April 24th

My dearest Lady Longmore
Here we are at Inua
House, we came down by
train on Sunday night, &
I think we will like it
well enough when we get
used to it, but at present
we are rather wishing our
selves back in Lwecor.
We did enjoy our ten days
there, & were awfully sorry
to leave. I have never met
with such kindness & it
is a great come down to
be nobody's again as of
course we are here. We
had quite a crowd to see

us off - poor old Haasa -
with a little present for
each member of the family.
Mohommet Krayue the attendant
from the Hospital Saloo
& the Manager of the hotel
who presented me with an
enormous bouquet. We were
very thankful when the train
at last went, for it is so
exhausting saying good bye
& Haasa would keep wiping
his poor old eyes & I
made me feel awful. He
gave me a pretty little cross
carved out of bone & I
put it on my watch chain
which pleased him much.
Our dinner at Youssef Hassany
on Saturday was an ex-
pense which I should

have been sorry to miss, but
I have no wish to repeat it!
He sent his carriage for
us & altogether did things
in style. He has a beautiful
house & the loveliest garden
& I am sure according to
his ideas the dinner was
on a par with every thing
else but I was devoutly
thankful when it was over.
We had about twelve
courses most of which were
horrors of some sort - Turkey
Youssef didn't expect us to
eat very much & I told
him I wasn't allowed to
touch meat so I got on very
well - It was awfully
funny watching Harry &
Miss Hughes digging in &

bowl for choice bits of liver
or little horrors wrapped
up in vine leaves - It was
miserable as you can
imagine, & I was rent
between sorrow for him
& amusement - It really
was too funny. We all
felt very ill during the
following night & the
slightest smell of highly
seasoned cooking makes us
shudder still. The dinner
was entirely cooked by his
wife & he is very anxious
we should come out every
year & that she should teach
me to cook! Did I tell
you I went to see
Mohommad Kraym's wife &
Baby? He has a little boy

just a month old, & when
I said I was fond of
Babres he invited me to
go with him & see it. It
was awfully interesting &
really both the Baby &
his wife were quite moderately
clean. 'Ward. Mahommot
was such a pretty little
girl - she can't have
been more than fourteen
& Mustapha the son & heir
was the funniest little
creature, dressed just like
his father in a black
gaherabea. I had him
in my arms for some time
& presented him with
one of H.S. Gold safety
pins which I think delighted
his parents very much

They gave me coffee, & I
showed the women my watch
& odds & ends I had on
& they were so interested -
poor things, they hardly
ever go out - & my visit
was a most tremendous
event - Four of give
women citations I think
were there to see me &
each had at least four
children, so I held quite
a levee'. Poor H. had
to wait outside & was
there entertained by an
old woman who recognized
him from his likeness to
Willie - she told him she
had kept a goal for him
all the years he was there
& used to take it round

every morning to milk I - at
his door. We went to
Karnak one day but I
expect H. has told you
about that & our visit
to Mahommet Mahassil.

We saw a good deal of Nurse
Minnie at Luxor - she is a
very nice woman I think.
The weather was lovely all
the time we were there, &
the garden looking beautiful
- I never saw such roses.
The old gardener used to
give me a beautiful big
bunch of them fresh every
morning & I also had
two ~~immense~~ bouquets
so I ~~was~~ was always
well off for flowers. It
is lovely here now, though

much cooler - where one says
they have had a frightful
winter here & it has only
got nice the last few
days so it ought to last.
Harry intends going in to
Cairo by the electric train
after lunch, but I shall
stay quietly here - we were
both pretty tired yesterday
after our night in the train,
but are pretty well restored
today - I am on the whole
feeling much better, - I've
ever so much stronger & I've
got so far, I have the
greatest difficulty in getting
my clothes to meet -
but against that - I still
have a good deal of indigestion & discomfort & the

L 50/9



S.S. Macedonia
Gulf of Lyons
19th

My dearest Lady Longmore
We hope to get to Marseilles
this evening - thank goodness
it will be a treat to have
a quiet night. We've really
got on very well much
better than I had dared to hope.
Though it has been anything
but a good passage.
Strong head winds & a big
roll all the way to 50
& from there it has blown
a gale which shows no
signs of 'giving over'! It
is most brutally cold too
for we are fairly close
to land & the wind is

coming straight off the
Pyrenees - they do look
lovely covered with snow, but
I would prefer more warmth
& less beauty. We've weather
of us been actually ill
though for the first few
days we were both pretty
miserable however I've been
up all the time & able to
spend all day on deck in my
chair so I didn't ought to
complain! I made no attempt
to go to meals till yesterday
when I patronized both
breakfast & lunch, but it
wasn't much of a success
& I think for the rest of
the voyage I'll stick to the
deck - the food is very
naughty - every one says so
though I suppose I mind
it more than most - after

what - I've been accustomed to.
There is so little variety
that - I don't know what
I should do if it were not
for all the things we brought
with us. The eggs & butter
have been the greatest
comfort & so has everything.
The tea on board is vile
& every morning when
we are called Harry makes
us two lovely cups of
cocoa. It is really quite
nice though it is 'casumen'.
& one notices the nasty
milk less in it than in the
tea. The various lamps etc
work quite satisfactorily &
the whole outfit has been the
greatest success - I don't
know how we would have
got along without it.
We set to go on Tuesday

about eight in the evening
twelve hours late - we were
very sorry not to see it
by day light (for we only
stayed a few hours) but
it looked beautiful by the
light of the moon & as we
didn't want to go ashore
it didn't matter much -
It was awfully chilly -
yesterday steaming along
the Spanish coast but so
cold & blowy that one
couldn't enjoy it & it is far
worse today - too bad
to sit on deck & we are
in the music room, where
a band is playing
like mad - rather distracting
to those who want to write.
The people on board are
a bit interesting, but they
say 250 passengers are

L. 50/10



coming on board at Marshall's
& quite an amusing lot -
including two Princesses
the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire
& various other shells - so
we will be pretty full up
for the rest of the way -
I shall be thankful to get
ashore it has really been
a hateful week though one
oughtn't to complain for
we've got along very well
so far - I spend a
lot of time thinking of you
all at home & wondering
how you are - I do hope
you had a good rest after

we left for you needed it -
- you'd had just about
enough by the time we got
off - Susie too I hope she is
pretty well restored, it was
bad luck having her to
doctor as soon as you'd got
rid of me. I am so
longing to get to Marseilles
to get Arthur - it seems
months since we left though
it is only a week today -
I do wonder how Baby is,
& if the nursery party
are fairly cheerful, it was
helpful saying good bye
to the darling, but I've
had such a lot of that
sort of thing to do that I
get through it rather than
moot I think! I miss her
all the time, but it is a

great comfort to know
she doesn't miss me &
that she will be just as
happy & well cared for as
if I were with her. Her
photos are a great joy.
did I tell you we managed
to get two very pretty
flowers at the stores - for
them? Just the right size
in nice dark hatters stamped
with sham rocks in gold
most appropriate!
Harry sends his love & says
as he is grappling with
the future office staff & foremen
of S.S. & Co. he won't write
today. He is simply
wishing in his efforts to
say 'thank you' for the work
the chief engineer on board
is the same as was in

the Clyde - rather funny
especially as we are at
the table - I really
don't think there is much
more to tell you so I'll
stop - it's very uncomfy
writing for we are banging
about - like anything &
the spray is flying all
over the ship, I do wish
we could have a calm by
way of a change.

Would you let Anna see
this, as I don't think I
shall be able to write to
her today - but I will
from Port Said if all
well - With heaps of love
from us both to all
Ever am I &c

loving Hazel

L 50/11



S.S. *Procedonia*

Friday
morning

My dearest Lady Longmore
Just got your vnderget
& I feel I must scribble you
one line in answer - I
can't tell you the pleasure
it is to get such lovely
long letters full of every
thing I want to know -
I haven't time to comment
as the post is just off -
We had a wretched time
yesterday a'noon it blew
a heavy gale, most
unpleasant & we were
thankful to get into the

It's surprisingly cold &
we have everything on
we can pile - slip -
with my fur coat - &
a rug last night!!

Kiss my darling for
me, I'm so thankful
she is so well & happy
Harry will write most
ever yr loving

Wagel.

We so or almost unmercifully

The colds are better. L 50/12



S.S. Macedonia.

Sunday 22nd

My dear Mother

we were very glad
to get your letters ~~from~~ at
Marseilles & to hear all
your news. & Hazel's letters
proved these boys have
given you most of our news.
- It's really been a beastly
voyage - very cold & stormy
& though this ship is a very nice
sea boat. She has been knocking
about a lot rolling & pitching.
- I have never seen such a
blow as we had in the Gulf
of Lyons. & never felt such an
icy wind - coming down off

the suor of the Tyneuses
& the ship being built
entirely for extreme heat
- it was simply persisting
every where. - No been
moderately fine since
leaving Marseille. Yesterday
a good number of people
broke to their beds again as we
were pitching a bit - & though
we are nearing Candia &
a long way South - my papers
are still stiff with cold-writing
in the Marsee Salon.

- Hazel has kept much
better than I expected - not
been sick at all & having
nothing to do but lay in a
deck chair rolled up in
every conceivable kind of
wrap. - I think has done her

• good -- doesn't seem to get
so tired & I fancy is eating
better -- We have both got
colds but not bad ones
& I expect when we get to
some warmth they will go
quickly. ^{in fact} we are both
better today. - A few
nice people on board but
no one very exciting - except
Dr. Dwy. Princesses & Countesses
& Sir T. D'Alton (travelling incog.
as W. Smith) who took round
carrying the Prince's Egyptian
books etc - all the time.
- Duke of Devonshire & his
cook like Duchers are also
here. - We see Mr.
Pitt Taylor occasionally but
being 2nd we can't much.
- we had Church on board
this morning & I missed old
Mr. John Aird. - but it was

me - basing: a rather
trying missionary who
breached a sermon.

- we are due in at Port Said
at 10.00. Tuesday morning.

They say - so I don't think
in Cairo that evening all
being well. & I fancy if
we can get a room shall
go to The Continental Hotel.

- as a lot of people on board
say it is far the nicest

now. - - Monday morning. we

have had another very rough night &
had to go slow all night which will
make us late at Port Said & so we

may have to stay the night there which
is a nuisance. - we had two or three more

ports knocked in - all the forward ports in
fore castle head were stove in & crew quarters flooded

with full of dynamite & a good deal of crockery
smashed etc. - H. couldn't sleep well. but is

up on deck & pretty tight this morning - I
slept like a log & had no idea it had been

so rough - Though once I ~~woke~~ woke up &
things were flying round the cabin a bit - it

will be jolly getting ashore tomorrow - I am so
glad Suave is better & baby alright & jolly

- well, I must shut this up now & hope you
board & we will write from Cairo. Yours Harry

L 80/13

S.S. Hatasoo

January 29th 08

My dear Mother

Though we are somewhere
near 200 miles S. of Cairo.
we haven't yet found hot
weather - but are clear of rain
& have a good supply of sun-
shine - Hazel has lost her
every thing I think - but I thought
I would send you a line to let you
know how we were getting on
- since getting to dry weather
Hazel is certainly better - eating
much more - always hungry
& feeling better generally & looking
better - I do think is not at all standing
a very "racking" time - I mean
rough & cold voyage - cold
journey to Cairo getting in after
midnight

+ all the bustle of life in
a large Hotel there - I
have great hopes of a quiet
time up the river at Luxor
or Assuan - we may be
some time at Luxor - but
I have faint hopes that
old Rymon - may be able
to transfer us soon to Assuan
as everyone says how much
drier & healthier it is than
Luxor -

- I will write you a proper
letter next instead of Hazel.

- So write & stop now
Yours for ever
Harry

we are so
awfully sorry
about - poor
Posie. I do
wonder if they
are quite
all right -
My love.

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Luxor.

Feb 24th

My dearest Lady Longmore

It is only a day or
two since we last wrote
but the mail goes this afternoon
so we thought you'd be glad
to hear that we are quite
comfortably settled at
the Luxor Hotel. They have
given us a fairly good
room looking on to the
garden & every thing is as
nice as it can be. Though
we would both like it
warmer - the sun is lovely
but the wind very cold.
We arrived early on Thurs
day - this is Sat - & have

done very little but sit
about in the garden which
is looking lovely - Yesterday
we drove to the cemetery
& took your cross, it
was really beautiful there
- so peaceful & bright
with all sorts of lovely
flowers - we wished you
could have been with us
for it looked just as you
would have liked to see
it - I feel sure the grave
was covered with fresh
flowers recently put
there that morning & it looks
looked so well cared for -
old Naasa came with us -
he appears to sit outside the
gate all day in the hopes
of seeing Harry - He

& all the others were so
delighted at seeing H -
but he will tell you all
about it - We shall
be raised, the prices
are simply appalling -
just 2/- for a hot bath
& 8/- for our drive to the
cemetery & back which
took only a little over
half an hour. Every thing
else in proportion!
The food is excellent &
I shall get on alright -
I think I'm really feeling
much better, had only
a small amount of
'windpiss' since I left
the Macedonia & no real
pain down below at all -
The last day or two I've

had a little indigestion
but - I don't expect it will
be much & is probably
the result of eating
much more - We were
awfully glad to get your
letters on our arrival,
no wonder we had such
cold in the Mediterranean when
you were indulging in such
brilliant weather - I am thankful
dear Baby is flourishing. I
had a very good, happy
letter from Nana, she seems
to like her girl v. much
which is a comfort! I'm glad
you sent Aunt K. one of Baby's
photos, & please send her
P.P. a one, too I'd meant to
put her down but forgot! -
No more as H is writing - Love
Loving H.

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Suxon. July 5. '05

My dear Mother,

We got your various letters
abright here. & very glad to hear
all well at home. - we are fixed
here waiting till we can get into the
Assuan Hotel which will be about a
fortnight. Every thing is much
as it was here. except. they have
built a new dining room - enlarged
& improved the garden. - & prices
everywhere for every thing about
doubled - I have not seen Mr. Pagon
yet as he is at Assuan. - we have
had an effusive welcome from all the
folk here. Hassan; Aboudi (the old gate keeper).
The head gardener. & various others &
all were anxious to know how you
were. &c. - we drove out to Karnak
yesterday & took the Croc. - all was in
very good order - but one could hardly

recognise it, as Mrs. Shanks etc. all grown
in to big trees & it's really a lovely shady
garden now. There was a wreath there
already. I should say from the look of it
Madam Reiter as it was tied up with
a large piece of black stuff which looks
very out of place in such a lovely spot
& out of keeping with our ideas.
The stone cross, gravestone etc. all were
in perfect order. & the same caretaker
& gardener there as before. - I don't
care much for the looks of the Chaplain
who isn't a gentleman - quite - but
I should say capable & has the
Chapels all looking clean & well
cared for. - The Dr. I have not met
yet? - The Garnett-ones are at
Daniel. Bohri. & we hope to go &
see them in a few days. - but we
shall have to go easy on Canes &
& carrying chairs as prices are now

beyond all reason. 8/- & back. which
for the drive to Kinnac & back: $\frac{1}{2}$ hour
all told - including waiting -

- As to the Vaccination - We meant
to have spoken to you about it before
leaving, & also if you remember we
discussed it some little while
ago & I certainly thought you knew
it had not been done. - There were
many reasons for this chiefly with
- Hazel seed; etc it was not done
within the 1st month. & then
Elliott said & I think he is right -
that if not done then it should
not be done until about 2 years
old - as it's quite impossible when
a kiddie is crawling about a lot on
the floor to keep them from putting
their arms etc. whereas now she
is walking about you can
- anyhow will you see Ward & get

him to do it as soon as possible
& it's better to do it now than
when it is warmer. - We both meant
to have told you to do this before
we left but forgot it - Just arrange
with him & Anna when to do it
& let us know after it's done
how she gets along it. - Hazel
would have mentioned it to you?
Jenny as she asked me to tell
you. - The Hotels are all full
but have not seen a soul that
one has any ambition to speak
to. mostly 3.2 late Yanks & Germans.
Hazel is looking & eating much
better but has had a little indigestion
the last day or so again. I hoped
it had departed & is disappointing.
- I shall go up to the Hospital
one day soon. I have seen Nurse
Minnie she seems just the same.
- Mr. "furgus" is one of the Hotel Servants

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& we had a long talk yesterday.
- He is doing well I should say &
talks English & French very well.
- Oh! do I leave my best dress
waistcoat at home. & if so well
I'm send it home. As my old
one looks awful in this bright
light - if not a black silk
cammebrund would do. The
sun is lovely here of course but
wind still cold & it has been
exceptionally cold all over
Egypt this winter.

- I will take some photo's
out at Karnac. & send them
to you - when I get a chance.
- My new watch has gone wrong
which is irritating. - little
hand suddenly losing two or
three hours. - Luckily time is
of no particular object in this

and

well I must stop as it's
just lunch time - will write
again soon. With much love.
Affection to the daughter &
love to Nana

Yr loving son
Harry

Feb. 13th 06.

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Cataract Hotel, Assuan.

My dear Mother,

we got up here last
Thursday by train from Luxor &
Though it was a shakey & dusty
journey we managed quite well
This is a perfectly lovely hotel
& position, & the air is perfect
quite different to Luxor. much
fresher & drier & it seems to
suit Hazel very well. She
is distinctly fatter in this short
time & much better internally.
& You will understand how
different she is. when I tell
you that today she rode down
to the town on a mule. walked
about the bazaar for about
an hour all told & then we
went in & had lunch with some

friends at the pond & left
her with them - not a bit tired
& I am going back to join her
there later on for tea - She
looks a different being, in
this climate & so I hope
she will continue as she is
going - we take everything
very easy & she puts in
an hour or so sleep in the
day as a rule - & some 10 hours
at night & is eating every
somewhat more than usual
- I have just got the tattered
printed & they will show you
that everything looks well
cared for & also how extraordinary
the growth of everything has been
- The wreath on the Cross is
Madam Reekin' - I did not
like to move it as Madam

Pagnon had put it there
herself - but should have
prepared it down below &
also when I took the photo
the sand was all covered as
you will see with bits of
Bourgaivillia just then by
Narz - I haven't yet been
to the Cemetery here as I
am waiting till Hazel is a
bit more used to - Donkey's - as
I want to go too - but I
will in a day or so - The Cross
kept perfectly well & I told
the gardener at Laxx to see
that it was kept damp
- This place is fearfully
expensive - roughly ex. value
£100 for small double room
costs about 220 - 230 P.L. a day
ie (£2-5/- to £2-7/-) & this is a

reduced rate bus. - about
10/- to 12/- less than to other
folk per day - in fact people
are offering to double the
charges if they can have
a room. just now all
other hotels are the same.
- Apparently Cairo is very
expensive. I mean for residents -
likewise rents & food very high
& I don't think if we came
out & got business there
it would be poss. at all - to
live in Cairo - which is very
unhealthy & it would mean
some where out jezireh way. &
Though Kingsford has suggested
working with him. I am
doubtful - how it would do.
- I mean whether for a few years
one would be able to make enough

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to make living - expensive
journeys out & back etc etc
possible - - - It certainly
looks for me as if we
couldn't possibly do. Hotel
here another winter with
Baby Anna on our present
income unless an absolute
necessity. & Then it would mean
part Capital - There is also
another question if one decides
to try business in Cairo it
would mean my staying this
Summer in France or Switzerland
As French & Arabic are
absolute necessities in business
here. - - - While I think of
it - I met Sir C. Moncrief in the
Exr Hotel lately - just having
been out to the Cemetery & given
a suit to the Hosp. He asked me

before I'm out here - Went
on a Dahabeh with a large
party & going on up to Wady Halfa
- I am writing at the window of
my room which faces the
Church & ~~Camp~~ ^{Camp} House &
beyond a village at the back of
the church all the rest this
side is Desert - right to the
left you look over the town & in the
distance you can just ~~see~~ see
the house Percy & Isabel had
with a glimpse of the River.

The other side of the Hotel faces
over the River - numbers of Islands
& the lovely folds both the other
side of the water - Elephantine
Islands just below - really lovely
position & absolutely dry.
& in every way the Hotel is as
good as the best London Hotel.

- The Church is a very nice
one inside & a nice service.

- I have seen Canning several
times & he is very pleasant &
nice - with very good opinion
of himself & confident that
Assuan owes everything to
him - but he is evidently
much liked & doing well.
I should say is more sort
of settled down than he used
to be. - Our servant here
has just discovered some
how that I am Willie's
brother & has just been
in with a long yarn quite
unintelligible - & combined
with tears. & as far as I can
make out he was in the Luxor
Hotel in Willie's day. I like
every one else worshipped him - it

is extraordinary how they
remember & how I should
think they all think more
of him than any other
white man that ever was. It
was really extraordinary.
Well I must stop with
much love from Hazel &
Kessie to Babs & love to Hans.

Your brother
Harry

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The Cataract-Hotel

Assouan

Feb 24th '05.

My dearest Lady Longmore.

Your letter enclosing Ellen
arrived last night - many
thanks for both - particularly
yours! Ellen ought to live
in a continued state of
moving house, it suits her
far better than having an easy
time - We are getting along
very well, the weather is much
nearer a great deal warmer &
with less wind, Our therm. is
generally over 90 & yesterday
a noon it was not far
short of 80° but it doesn't feel
the least hot. - Since I
got near we've been living

mostly on the river, H. got hold of a fairly decent boat - native built. Of course, but good enough to polka about in & he is quite happy, as you can imagine - we've hired her for the a month for £4. & I really think it is worth it, as a means of getting about alone, for one can't walk here, a bit, & carriages & donkeys are ruinous. She moves at the boat & we can sail down to the town & stop just where one wants to, & we hope to go to the Barrage etc etc by her instead of by carriage at £1. a drive! Yesterday there was a Regatta here got up by

The Hottels & of course we faced there were eight boats & we came in a good 2nd only beaten by Dr Canney's in his fine Cairo built boat with English sails - we knew we couldn't possibly beat him, & were awfully pleased to be first of the native boats - it was tremendous fun. - the course was round Elephantine Island & most of the time we had a splendid breeze - we had far the best start, but we were raced with N. whom we haven't! we got £2. for a prize which wasn't bad. The day before yesterday we went to tea with Dr Canney in his funny little

house just opposite the hotel
it's coloured a hideous yellow
& goes by the name of the
Mustard Pot! It's most-
awfully nice inside though &
has a gorgeous view of the
river & the desert - The day
before that we had tea with
Miss Hughes at the Grand
& rode up after to the
high ground on the Phelae
side of the town to see the
sunset - The view there is
too gorgeous for words -
you can see right up to
the barrage & Phelae, & the
whole stretch of desert
on ~~both~~ sides with the
beautiful blue thread of
the river winding through
the verd green of the

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• Banks & islands, is a sight.
We walked our donkeys all
the way & took it very
easy, so it wasn't a bit
tiring, & I hope will do it
again soon.

We are so sorry poor Rosie
still has a sick family,
- will they ever come to the end
of their troubles I wonder!

I do hope Noel has a chance
has a chance for the C & J
Brewer. they must be
pretty well sick of Stonehouse
by now. How I would love
to see dear Baby playing
in the hay round the sick,
I must be wonderfully
dry to be able to do it -
I do so long for the sight
of her & I know by the

time we begin to move nearer home, I'll be in such a frenzy of impatience to get back to her, that I won't want to stop in Italy or anywhere else! We often discuss plans - & though nothing is settled our idea is to leave here, probably, either March 21st or 25th - stay at Suva for from one boat till the next - 3 or 4 days & go across to Italy, - Naples probably, the beginning of April. After our experience coming out we both loathe the idea of returning by Longsea, & I think it would take me home too quickly too. - The change from the heat of Egypt in the middle of April to the probable cold of England at that time, - in less than a fortnight - couldn't do one any good. going by Italy we'd move very slowly, probably staying at Naples a week or so & breaking the journey at various places. We've an idea of stopping finally at Villa d'Este, & leaving there when one thinks it is warm enough at home - such are our plans & of course will let you know more definitely, as time goes on. Harry is flourishing & getting better - perfectly black - he is going to unlose a line so I'll stop for today -

With heaps of love to
yourself Julia & Anna &
a big kiss for Baby
Ever yr loving
Hazel

- My dear Mother I think this place seems really
to be doing it. ever so much good now. especially
since it has got a bit warmer & nice. which
really is only the last few days. - She has told
you that we have raised a "tip" to sail in which
is very jolly. - like wise our idea of plans.
- I can't remember if I said anything to you
about hands' wages. I had a hazy idea I
asked you to pay them after the end of Feb.
but as I am not sure I have sent you
a cheque for the month of March. - & so there
is no need for you to bother at all about
them. - Also as you may like to square
up I am a/c s. a bit I enclose cheque for
£16. which with the £3.074. you found in cash box
will probably put you a/c with you about right
I mean cover any small bills etc. Oh! if
I didn't tell you to pay Catchpole Williams
- please do so. if you will some time.
- I have paid the income tax man likewise
- It's a glorious day. 74° in my room with
everything wide open. - one hardly notices the heat
as it is such a dry & fresh air. in fact I am
still wearing my winter boots & drawers.
- I am awfully sorry for the Bacon crowd.
They do have bad times.
- Yours lov. son Harry
- If you found an old black penny in the
small cash box. - I think among the gold
- keep it if you should have as it is valued for certain

Recd. 1st March

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Assuan.

Febry 17th

Dearest Lady Longmore.

Your budget of Feb. 9th
arrived last night & I can't

tell you how much we enjoyed
all ~~your~~ the letters - it is

always such a relief to know
every thing is well with you

& I love to hear every little
crap of news about Baby.

There is very little news to
tell you, we are both

flourishing & I am getting
visibly fatter, the little

indigestion I had the first
few days we were here has

quite gone, but I've not
been very happy lower

down for the last few days

the place somehow brings
one up to use it's elegant
expression & I find it very
difficult to manage ones
daily visit - it is quite
impossible without physio
& that irritates ones inside
I think however I hope when
one gets acclimatized it will
right itself, if not I think
we'll see if Dr. Hugh Canine
can help one - I'm eating
like an ordinary person &
must be digesting it much
better. ~~which~~ shows the place
must be doing me good.
I am so sorry we didn't
write from Cairo, it was
stupid of us as we really
had lots of time, it was

because we thought & hoped
all the time we'd get some-
thing from you & so were
waiting - till it was too
late! It was mine of Mayart
to write - she is a real
good sort. I feel sure. Will
be sure & get you a good
supply of cheap articles
for the bazaar, there are
any amount of such things
here & I'll just love bargaining
for them - Harry is useless! &
he is awfully proud of himself
for he thinks he did quite a
fine stroke of business the
other day when we bought
one of those Assiut bridal veils
- one of those long net-things
worked in silver or gold - but

I did it all rally! We've only
once been into the Bazaar
which is ~~too~~ fascinating &
is an exhausting business &
I think it's wiser to wait till
I'm stronger - One day we
went to tea with Miss & Hugh
at the Savoy Hotel on
Elephantine Island it was
simply lovely, for the
garden there is a dream
- every flower you can imagine
& the most heavenly green
lawns, but alas - there is
no doubt it is damp, we
felt the most extraordinary
difference I have made at
now not to go again -
I've only been out of the
Hotel grounds twice -
to Elephantine & to the

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Bazaar when we lunched & spent the afternoon with some friends at the ground. I was pretty tired after both excursions, you see it means donkey up & down as well as a small amount of walking, so we've decided to keep quiet at present & I am quite content to. It is lovely sitting about & there is generally something to watch - they've had a tennis & croquet tournament since we've been here, & the people alone are very entertaining. Harry is in the middle of a very pretty little sketch of the river & is fairly pleased with what he has done for

which I am very thankful!
He did a dear little bit of
the Luscor kumpee & is
fairly satisfied with that-
too. I'm so glad for if he
had made a muddle of them
to start with, it would
have been difficult to get him
to go on - he is so ready
to despair over his own
work! It hasn't been a
bit nice for the last few
days, blowing hard all the
time & the dust flying in
all directions, I do hope
it will soon change for
one can't sit out in com-
fort & it feels quite wrong
to be indoors. Harry
says he doesn't think it is

worthwhile sending out the
packing papers, - many
thanks all the same. I hope
that Wresome dress will
sell if it is only for a
few shillings, I am quite
sick of it - also the house,
it must let somehow, for
we shall be quite relieved
if it doesn't, its simply
appalling by repulsive Wre.
Strange to say two of
the Arab servants on our
floor were at the Luscor
Hotel for three years with
Willie - they recognized Harry
from his likeness to him
& asked him if he wasn't
his brother - one of them
has a watch Willie had given

gave him, & showed it to
us with such pride - He was
eventually devoted to him &
cried when trying to tell us
how good he had been to him
- A couple of days ago
he brought us each a little
blue god & said he wished
he was rich & could give us
something better. It is wonderful
how they remember Willie - &
harry too, dozens of men at
Luscor came up & spoke to
him & as we walked about
on the front; you'd see them
pointing it out to one another
- Did I tell you how the
head gardener used to bring
me lovely bunches of Equis
& gherkins & another whose
name I forget used to be

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always coming up to have a
chat. When we came out
from Church on Sunday two
of the hospital attendants
were waiting to speak to H -
They had heard he was there
& were determined to catch
him - H. impressed the present
of very much - he evidently
doesn't get on with the
natives particularly well &
spoke several times of the
wonderful influence which
Willie had over them - He
can't talk Arabic, & I
imagine he is a bit irritated
at not being on the same
terms! We saw Mahomet
Chryam several times & he
went with us to see
Bari, he told us with pride

how you sent him money
every year to keep the
brasses in the Chapel &
he asked if you wished
his greeting sent to you.
The brasses look well cared
for, but Harry says the
Chapel doesn't look nearly
as nice as it did in the old
days. I didn't care for the
Chaplain at all & shouldn't
think he took much interest in
it. We saw Nurse Munroe
several times & called on
Madame Pagnon, who was
very pleasant - she has
two very fat little girls
& wanted to know how
many we had! She sent
Baby a 'carruss' by the way.

- I hope you like hearing
all these little things, how we
are settled down there isn't very
much actual news, but I
feel sure you like to hear
all we can tell you about
everything connected with
the times that are past.
We've not been out to
the cemetery here ^{yet} as it wants
me to go with him & so far
something has always prevented
our going - We think we
can drive most of the way
& then get a donkey or a
chair or go the whole way
by chair - The Cross has
kept beautifully -
No more this morning
from yr loving Hazel.

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Cairo Hotel, Assuan.

Feb. 28th 05

My dear Mother,

It's the most glorious day here
again today. Though I am afraid you
would hardly like it as the shade
temp. is pretty high somewhere about
75° I suppose. & where we are
sitting in the garden I should think
a 100° or more like it. We
are still very vague as to movements
I have just written another letter
to Cook's trying to arrange a passage
across to Italy some time in April
- early - but it doesn't seem easy to
fix up matters. - I have also had
a longish letter from Mayford about
joining him in business & though
there might be something in it &
it might be a good opening - I don't
think at present it is workable -

- for various reasons. chiefly that
until one has seen how Hagel gets
on & whether she keeps permanently
stronger I don't think it worth to tie
oneself to Cairo - where for the first
year or two it would mean a fairly
close business with our income &
it would also mean for the first
few years - certainly - my staying in
Cairo after the baby left & coming
out before them & at present she is not
up to that sort of thing. - so I expect
I shall not fix up anything with
him now. though shall leave it
until we see him on the way down.
- Then also one might just as
well be at the North Pole as Cairo
as it has been this winter - very
cold & of course none of the house
arranged for it & they have had a
good bit of grain there as well. Another

• Thing that probably might be worth
doing & which we are thinking
over seriously is going out in
the Autumn to New Zealand for
the trip. As we have heard most
glowing a/c's of it both from some
folk here who have lived there a
great deal & also from the
relations. Another great inducement
& which makes one think it
would be wrong not to go is that
Aunt Bobbie has said that
she will give the "whole family"
the return trip for the benefit of
Wazels health & for the pleasure
of seeing us all. I believe it
would do her more good than anything
as she always thrives at sea even
on the leastly cold trip out the other
day. Then the N.Z. climate must
be lovely from all a/c's & cheap to live.

& so we think it is an idea worth
thinking of seriously. You will
- think I am overflowing with plans
- but I fancy I have only one more
at this minute & that is: that
if you could arrange say Boange
for July & the family could be
collected there it would be splendid
& I think better for all hands than
Worlton then, if it could be arranged.
- If you could discuss it with the
Wagon. Over crowd. & arrange about
rooms. we would fit in our plans
accordingly. - we promised one
of Baby's photos to Highfield & so
if there is one write or send it to him
- if not order two or three more & send
him one. The small one on the
stairs I think is best. - I have just
seen a Mrs Hollings - friends of W. H. Hutton
- who had told them to ask for us.

SKETCHED
from seat
on Croquet
Law
facing dock
South.

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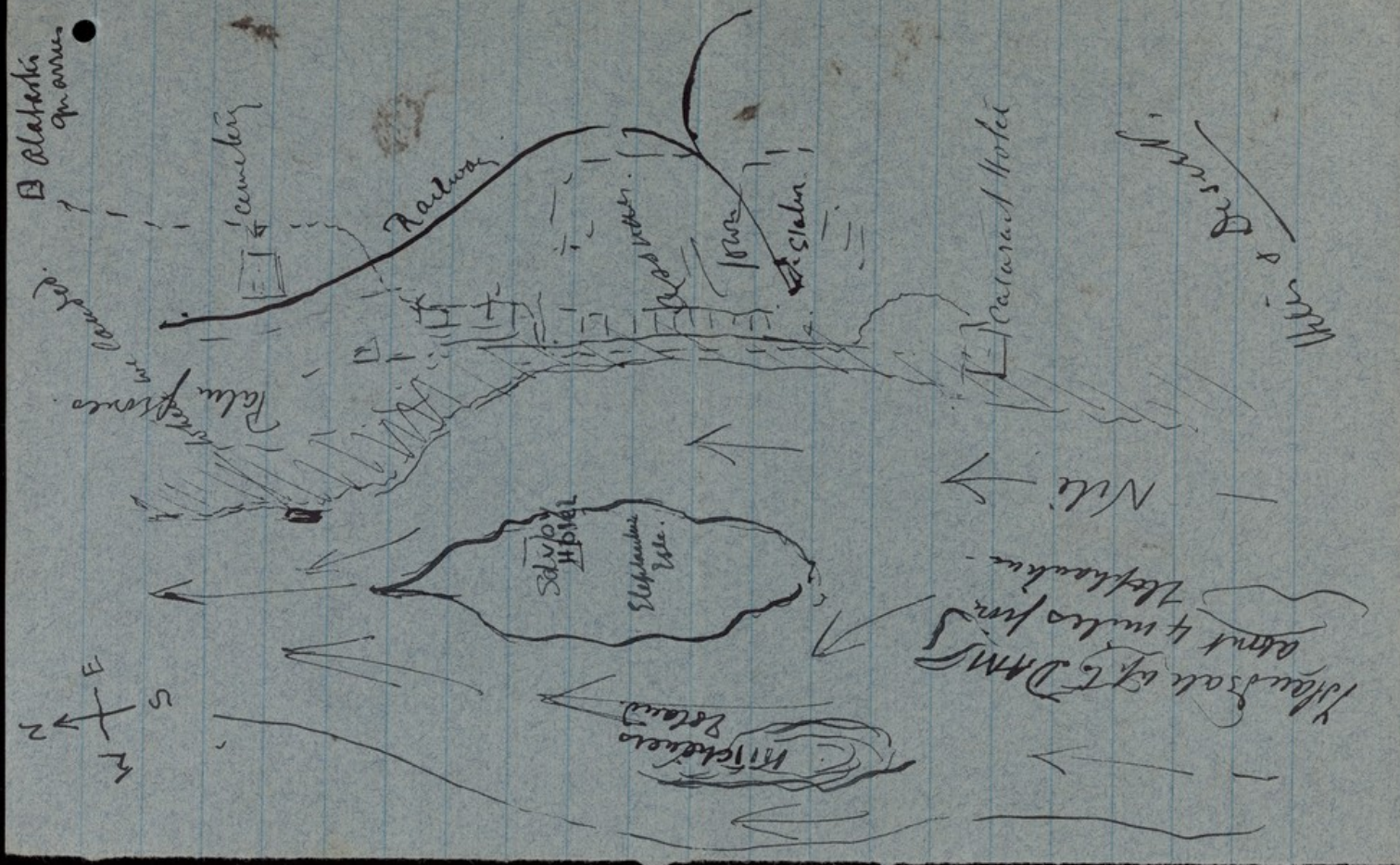
Savoy Hotel
on Elephantine Island.



corner
of
Savoy
Hotel



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• We have been out to the Cemetery
here & the Cross has kept perfectly
fresh & soft - by much wetting -
The Cemetery though quite in the
Desert looks quite well cared
for & alright - in fact just as
we saw it 7 years ago though
the Country round is rather
attired - As there is a Railway
Station (Gezireh) close by &
more native houses etc. on
the other side of the Rly. line, ~~not~~
~~close by~~ among the Palm trees.
• We drove then from the Hotel
through the Town & by a track
across the Desert a lovely
drive - There are large Alabaster
quarries about a mile beyond
the Cemetery & we drove on there
afterwards - I picked up a lump
on Isakel's place & took home it

home with me - of course
lack of green makes it look
different in its peacefulness
to Luxor. But it is a peaceful
spot - Hazel went with me
& enjoyed the drive much - as
is the 1st she has had here -
but though very shaky - she
didn't get so tired so we hope
to do a few more shots.

I have just been down to see
for the mail which has just
come in but there are none from
home - so I suppose the steamer
was a bit late as they generally
come today, but we shall
probably get them tomorrow
evening.

The only thing that worries
us over the proposed NZ trip
is going so far away from

you & Inland - but it is
an offer such as we are
not likely to get again - & if
we did - I might be fixed up
in work & unable to go & so
we rather feel now is our
chance & from what doctors
say the North Island Climate
is dry & lovely & never very
cold - 40° being about the
lowest it ever goes - While at
the same time it is never
really too hot - another
good point - is unlimited
cream - butter & milk & fruit.
While here now cream is
impossible to get - & milk scarce
& poor & everlasting "Poulet"
& "Din Don" - Tough & uneatable
which is not good for it.
Cream & milk is a much greater

difficultly than in our day
 owing to disease amongst the cattle
 & ~~the~~ ^{not} ~~only~~ for the sake of course
 if the really best thing in every way
 would come here again we could do
 it - but H. does not feel keen on
 bringing baby to this land &
 especially Cairo - which unless
 you are wealthy enough to do
 things luxuriously - is an unhealthy
 spot. - Percy's house is
 the pick place in Cairo & I should
 think they must be very well
 off in these days.
 Well I must stop - but
 don't post it till tomorrow
 in case there is any thing in
 your to answer.

Ever your lov. son

Harry
 Hazel Lind must love to go
 I have many kisses for
 Babs. ^{Temp. at 1/2 am. 70° - 72°}
^{in one room that has had no}
^{sun on it in}

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 We have been out to the Cemetery
 here & the Cross has kept perfectly
 fresh & soft - by much wetting.
 The Cemetery though quite in the
 Desert - looks quite well cared
 for & a bright - in fact just as
 we saw it 7 years ago though
 the Country round is rather
 altered - & there is a Railway
 Station (Gozireh) close by &
 more native houses etc. on
 the other side of the Rly. line, ~~not~~
~~close by~~ among the Palm trees.
 We drove there from the Hotel
 through the Town & by a track
 across the Desert a lovely
 drive - There are large Alabaster
 quarries about a mile beyond
 the Cemetery & we drove on there
 afterwards - I picked up a heap
 on Isakel's place & shall bring it

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Cataraugus Hotel

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My dear Mother.

We have just got home
this evening & were very glad to
get them & to hear you & Baby
& all are alright. - I had a
sort of feeling that you might have
been worrying of over the N.2 possibility
& that's partly why I wrote as per
the enclosed - but I do hope you
won't worry over it very much - it
been our chief trouble thinking of leaving
you behind - but in these days of
quick traveling it's not a very
serious matter going out there &
coming back. - Of course it's not
exactly a new thought but as Aunt
Bertie has often written & said she
wished we could pay them a visit - but
we had both hoped in a way of being

with you for most of the summer - Egypt
might be feasible - but in view of the
expense & the difficulties of the constant
journeys backwards & forwards: I don't
think it is, anyhow for a year or two.
& so I think the offer of the trip to N.Z.
is not a thing to refuse lightly -
especially when one considers that Aunt
B. is more to N. than any other of her
relations: though at the same time
she hates the thought of leaving you
behind & is much rent in her
feelings between you & Aunt B.

- we will have to discuss it all
when you are in the summer, when we
set home. - but it's awful to be so
rent between the different families
I don't write any more now as the post
is just going out. but will write
again next week. - we were awfully
pleased to hear such a p. of baby & you
are. - a good letter from P.P.H. this
mail.

Yr. loving M. Lang.

P.S. - We wired out to Canada to the Cassels
a day or so ago - & the season's cost made
us think of Codes. - here you post as a
"Unicode" & all the relations use it & it might be handy

we find some one here has one - but they leave in a week or two

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CATARACT HOTEL, ASSOUAN

March 9th 1915

My dearest Lady Longmore

Just a line to put in H's
as I haven't written for some
time, - but really he has told
you about all there is to say.
Our chief excitement since
last writing, has been shifting
our room - we had a very
small & exceedingly hot one
on the top floor & when it turned
really warm, it was unbearable
& so H. got the Managers to
move us, & now we are in
a most magnificent apartment
on the ground floor with a
private balcony & way out
all to ourselves. At first we
thought it perfect & it certainly

was heavenly in the great heat -
but we soon found out one
drawback - the necessity for
always keeping the window shut
unless we were in the room for
the people Arabs or others
appear to be very light fingered!
Harry's great big sponge went
one day to our lasting grief
luckily it was getting old
but still its days was by
no means done! I am
sending home a little booklet
of views instead of a letter
this week & one picture in
it shows you just where our
room is - The Pachas came
up on the Ramesses last
Sunday & left again on
Tuesday so we didn't see
very much of them - It was

blowing hard from the south
& frightfully hot all the time
so they didn't see the place
under very good circumstances,
however they didn't seem to mind
much! They are going to leave
house as soon as they get
to Cairo & intend staying
there till the beginning of
April so we are sure to
see them again. We shall
be very sorry in many ways
when our time is up here.
I love the place, & as to
the river, it will quite spoil
me for sailing anywhere
else, for it is perfect.

We went into the Bazaar
two days ago to try & find
something to send home to Baby
for his birthday, but there

was simply nothing, so in
despair we got her a little
string of blue beads probably
made in Brum. They may
amuse her to play with & as
they are of no value, she can
do what she likes with them.

I suppose it was silly to try
& get anything for her here, but
I simply couldn't not send
her anything, even though she
won't really understand
a bit about his birthday.

It is such a comfort to get up
& have letters telling me all
about her, & have what is so happy
too, she evidently is quite
pleased with everything & looks
body! Now as I've come to the

end of my paper I must stop
Lots of love & many kisses
to Baby, yr loving Hazel

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to Cairo getting there about the
end of the month. - The weather
here (like every where else) is
mad this year & very trying. Last
Sat. for instance the wind went
South & blew hard & the thermometer
ran up to a shade temp of over
94° - much the same on the Sunday
& then a shift of wind &
sudden drop & yesterday & today
the shade temp has been just
about 60° with no sunshine
& heavy cloud most trying &
colds & stomach upsets. The
general order. ours amongst them
but not bad at all - though
very annoying. We have had
a great deal of cloud here on
top. & of course the land
looks like a dismal rubbish
heap under such cues - last

night. I slept with a rag
& window shut. - which
seems absurd for March here.
It is certainly doing Hazel
good in many ways - I mean
she is much fatter & able to
do a bit more. - but inwards
don't get very happy & I don't
see how its possible in a
land of such big temp. jumps
& when food is such a difficulty
I mean no cream or foodstuffs
& "Boulet & Du Don" like old X.
- but the dry air is certainly
wonderful. & such being the
case we think it as well
while we are about it to
have as much as possible.
I so think of Mena House.
- One trying thing here is the
constant wind. its been very

seldom quiet this year. &
the dust very bad -
- we have been much
bothered by thinking you
may be worrying over the
N.Z. possibility - but I do hope
you are not. & ~~for~~ we will
talk it over when we get home.
as we shan't be settling
anything until then definitely.
- we have just seen the adv.
of our house in Country Life.
a bad photo but about
the best they could get. I
fancy well I must stop now
with lots of love from us both
& kisses to Mabel. This will
reach you just about her
Birthday I suppose. -
Yours loving son
Harry



CATARACT HOTEL, ASSOUAN

March 9th - 1915

My dear Mother

We got your line
enclosed with Rorer's letter
by Thursday evening's mail.
& were glad to hear all well
with you. We still spend a
large amount of time discussing
plans & we rather think now
in view of it being so cold
in Italy that it may be as
well to stay at Mena for
a while - possibly for nearly
the whole of April: it ought
to be getting too hot here soon
& I expect we shall carry out
our present arrangement i.e.
to leave here on 28th for Luxor
staying there a few days & on

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Assouan.

March 16th

My dearest Lady Longmore

I know you'll be glad to hear though, I'm sure Phoebe which Harry has told you about, we've done nothing of interest lately. The weather is lovely now, hot, though not too hot for us & with very little wind which is such a mercy. We've been out every day in our boat & had some lovely sails. The river here is absolutely ideal for a small boat & it has been a great thing for Harry having the boat to play with.

We've been into the Bazaar
several times & got a lot
of lot of odds & ends
for your Bazaar! -
mostly baskets necklaces &
such like cheap things. As
most of the people have
gone & the season is
practically over, everything
has gone down enormously
in price & we've really
got some very good
bargains I think. I simply
love the Bazaar & would
like to go to it every day.
The hotel is emptying
brimmendously, & by the
time we go there will
hardly be a soul left.
The Grand shuts on Sat.

& everything is very 'end
of seasonish'. The last
'Ramases' came up last
week & next week sees
the last of the Express
Boats - That is really
the reason why we go
on Tuesday, for neither
of us have any which
to go down by train!
Did I tell you the Peaches
came up on the Ramases
before last? They didn't
stay, but we saw them
twice & will probably
come across them again
as they go to Meena House
this week for a bit -
The place seems to suit
her for I never saw

her looking so well &
she seems able to do
any amount.

I think I'll stop as unfortu-
nately the spirit doesn't
move me in the least
today & I simply can't
write. I hope dear Baby
will have a happy day
tomorrow (the 17th), I shall
think of her such a lot -
oh, how I long to get
home to her! With heaps
of love - ever am I
yr loving Naze!

You never say how you
are, which I hope is a
good sign, but till we see
him, for you weren't very
brilliant when we left -

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Your letter of March 9th
just came, so glad to get
it & to hear all is well
with you, - if that
wretched dress of mine is not
disposed of by the time you
get this, I think it might
be as well to withdraw it,
as we are both beginning
to think it may come in
useful after all. If the
N. Z. trip comes off it
certainly would & also here
in the winter - should be
come back to Cairo. I
am so sorry the wretched
thing has been such a
bother & I hope it will
be sold by the time this
reaches you. so that you
can have no further

trouble over it. No time
for more - excuse such a
scrawl.

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CATARACT HOTEL, ASSOUAN

March 16 " 1915.

My dear Mother -

I don't know what we have any news or particulars to tell you. but today is mail day & so we are on the wire. - he did Philae this week - very comfortably - as at great expense. - he hired a carriage & drove to Shellal - it's a lovely drive all through pure desert. a sort of sand track through all the granite hills. at Shellal (which is the place I rode to on the mule years ago). we got a felucca & rowed across to Philae - it is really an extraordinary sight now. as of course the whole country there thanks to the dam. is flooded. just the tops of the Palm trees showing. & she rowed about

inside the Temple. I took one or two
good photos of it. We then pulled
down to the Barrage about $3\frac{1}{4}$ hours
pull & had a look at it. It
must have been an immense
undertaking & is a very fine bit
of work - he had sent the Carriage
round to meet us there & picked
it up in time to get back for lunch.
Beyond this trip we have done
very little beyond sailing - which
is far the nicest thing to do here.
& I think Mr. Rapson is an old idiot
not to get out a few decent boats
as I am sure they would pay him
well. - We are not looking
forward at all to packing up
& leaving here next Tuesday - as it
has been glorious here the last few days
- but of course any day now we may
get a shift of wind to S. & a bust.

cooking weather & the Hotel is
Thinning out fast - in fact the
"Grand" closes on Saturday & this
one on the 4th April. & after this
week there will be only two or three
people left. - we shall be at
Luxor a few days depending on
circs. & then go on to Mena House
& are not making any plans
after that until we get to Cairo
& can see about Steamers across
- we think Mena will be the best
thing, as it will give H. another
three weeks of this sort of dry
Desert Air & want to put in
as much of it as possible.
If it isn't too hot at Luxor, we shall
try to go over to the tomb of the Kings.
- but shall see what it is like
- we have heard nothing from
the home agents, so fear there is

no sign of the house letting yet.
- but of course there is still plenty
of time. - well I think I
will stop as I want to write
some other letters & Hazel will
continue to go.

Yours lov. Mr. Harry.
P.S. When you write don't send
Nana's letters with yours but
tell her to post a couple of days
or so later as then we hear by
both the English mails & it is
a disappointment when the mail
comes & there is no report of
the daughter. - it is well worth
the extra 2½ " per week.

We have been wondering if any
thing has been done yet in the Vaccination
line. - I think the sooner you can get it
over the better. - As Hazel worries about it
a good deal & each time a letter is late.
She thinks Baby is bad with it or something
of that kind. - Harry

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Luxor

March 24

My dearest-Lady Longmore

I am lying down after a morning at Karnak but want to put in just a scrap with Harry's - We were so thankful to hear the vaccination job was so satisfactory. Once, it has bothered me a lot from start to last & it's a mercy to feel it is over at last. How splendid of her, not to be the least bothered by it, it shows how healthy she must be, - Harry is telling you about the box & trunk we sent off from Assouan before we left. I've asked Hans

to unpack the latter & to give
you the Cashmere shawls - I
thought you might like the
two small ones for the Bazaar -
but - of course only if you
think them suitable - they
were selling such things for
less than half price when
we left & I couldn't resist
getting them - the small ones
were only 4/6 which every
body says is really very
cheap for real cashmere
All the things in the wooden
box are for you except
perhaps one or two baskets
which we might like to keep if
the Bazaar doesn't come
off till we get home - the
necklaces in the trunk are
ours & I've told Wang

she can give Baby the
little pr of red shoes
in the trunk as they may
amuse her to play with
I am so sorry the old woman
has been so sickly & do
hope she is quite all right
again now - you will be
sure to tell me just how
she is won't you? - She
always says she is quite
well so I can't say or why
I hear from her - She is
delighted with her Pic
album - Now I must
stop as I'm breaking
my back - Lots of
love yr

loving
Hazel

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Luxon Hotel Friday 24th March

My dear Mother,

We were very glad indeed to get your letter yesterday & to hear that the vaccination business was all over & that it had troubled Baby so little we had both been wondering when we should hear & so it was a great relief - the antiseptic treatment makes a great difference & she must have taken exceptionally early - We left Arman on Tuesday & had a splendid Cabin in a boat called the "Memnon" - The big state Cabin aft with two ordinary beds in it - She had been put on to take the overflow from the express boat - but we were very glad when we got to Luxon as it was bitterly cold

with a very strong N. wind - & Hazel not feeling up to much with a good deal of pain, indigestion etc. - She doesn't seem to get quite free from such troubles - for a few days she seems pretty right & then something - perhaps known what upsets her again - However after a quiet day yesterday & a good sleep last night - she seemed much better this morning & so we went out to Kurnae on Daheys with Mahomet Kraim (Haleath's ~~man~~ man.) - as I wanted her to see the Temple & it was really lovely. We went past the Cemetery (where the Munros' & Lilacs are all out in flower) - took the Temple easy - but did most of it & then rode home

past the little summer house, Willie had there - through the Temple of Munt (Chin's Sunday's temple) & home through the field at the back of Luxon.

Hazel doesn't seem too tired but is lying down now after lunch & I doubt if she will be up in time to write today. As we have to post just after 4.00. - It is extraordinary how these Arabs remember faces. The man at the Temple remembered at once who I was - he has got a nice room here facing N. - it is the best room to the one you had I think facing the front gate - but really it is not very hot here - not as hot nearly as Arounan - but the flies are an awful nuisance &

There were practically none at
Arsona. - We shall go down
from here to Cairo by train
- as it is an easy & comfy
journey - leave here six in
the evening - have a sleeping
compartment etc & reach Cairo
next morn at 9.00. - much
more wholesome than the River
as the winds this year are so
cold & the river so low that we
should probably get hung up
some where - & also I don't want
to run the risk of H. getting cold
- we shall go to Mena House &
expect to get on the 31st or 1st
April. - He be sent home
one trunk with tanom clothes
etc. we shan't want. & I expect
the key will turn up from Copts
people some time - I think Vogel
told him she had better unpack it

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Some time - I sent one two
small Corkmere Shawls in it
which Hazel thought I might
like for the ~~bazaar~~ bazaar -
we have also sent at the
same time a wooden box full
of baskets, beads, etc, for same
job - though I rather think
that H. would like to keep
one or two of the baskets - but
we can settle about them
& the shawls when we get
home. - will you pay
the freight & insurance etc
on the two boxes for us.
- as they couldn't tell me at
Romeau how much it would
be. - we came to the
conclusion it was better
not to give the £1. to the
Chaplain at Romeau. - to begin

with the Cemetery there is nothing
to do with the Chaplain - it
being entirely in charge of the
Commandant, - which seems odd
- but I could find out the reason
beyond that. Chiefly English
Officers have been visited there
- it was from him that I got
the Key. - Then the funds for
which the Chaplain would have
used the \$100. - would probably
be for - furnishing his house -
or flooring the Church - or his
own income - which seemed to
be the only things they were
wanting money for. - he hardly
knew the Chaplain Brother
Morley - but I don't at think
he does much in the place.
- I have given my sub to
the D^r here & shall go up to

the Hosp. in a few days. They
have been busy lately as a
new Sugar Cane Railway
has been running here &
the natives try & steal the
cane as the train pass &
nearly always get half
killed in the process.

- I have done a bit of sketching
- not very brilliant - though
one is not far - I was very
glad to get some about the
sub. to N. 2. & I am sure it
is the right thing to do - but
I am equally certain there is
no chance of one wanting
to settle out there from all we
hear of the people & the ways
of the country. - I am sorry
to hear that Anna has been
so sick. but I hope she is

better by now. I expect the
brown powder will do her good.
— well I must give over
as I have other letters to
write & Hazel is awake &
scuttling - with lots of love
to everyone & horses & birds
Yours loving son
Harry.

P.S.
— The Times "5 numbers
turned up together at Ardsman
& were all addressed to
"Sara mare". I only by luck
picked up at all. — The only
since then. & so unsatisfactory
that I think you had better
write & advise them & tell
them to discontinue sending
if you don't mind the bother.

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- LUXOR HOTEL -

31. 3. 05.

My dear Mother -

We got your letter
likewise Nana's. Yesterday I
am very glad to hear you are
all fit & well - but Julia
who I hope will soon be
able to give up swatting
her head - we have had
a very nice time here &
shall be very sorry indeed
to leave - we were going tomorrow
but on visiting Joseph Warner
(the man who had a lovely garden
here) this morning - He invited
us to dinner & as Hazel &
another good lady who was
with us were most anxious
to go - we put off our
departure till Sunday evening.

- a native Dinner is an experience - but not always pleasing as we are apt to have to eat "sheep's eyes" or some such thing - but it is absolutely amusing. - He is a very wealthy man now with many horses - a lovely garden - oranges & min. etc. etc. -

- Yesterday we went to see old Mahomet Morkaich & bought two or three things & he gave us sundry presents - a camelion necklace & little frog (over 3000 years old) for baby. Two little camelion hippopotami for you & sundry other things. - He is such a nice old man & H. was

much charmed by him -

- This morning after seeing Joseph Hassan - we rode on to Kamae & went in to the Cemetery - everything lovely there - Benjamin's lilacs, orange trees & date palms all in flower. &

The cemetery much improved by a good pump worked by a mule. put up at the expense of Mr. Sandbach - so that all the trees etc. get properly watered.

- we also removed the black thing from Madame Richier's breast - I can hardly write for them which are awful. - They are doing too great works at Luxor. - built an immense

new Hotel - pull down the
houses by the water &
build a promenade there
etc etc - it is badly
wanted as the place
ought to be the best
Town on the Nile instead
of quite the worst now
- with so much of interest
for everyone to see.

- I am afraid we shall
not like Cairo so much
as this - a taking it all
round weather has been
lovely at Luxor & a less
sunny climate than Aswan,
though not so bracing - of
course it is hot - but
not too hot - I am writing
in our bedroom after lunch
& I see the Temp is just

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on 80° & of course has
had no sun on it - but
he never feel bothered by
it. They are simply fearful
much worse than when
he was here before - There
will be practically no one
here after this week as
everyone is going North just
now & with the railway
there is no difficulty about
getting away - we have
been more orders - keeping
Company with a good lady
a Miss Hughes. since we
have been out here & she
goes down to Cairns with no
to me. - She is nice
but peculiar - don't know
much of her beyond & she lives
with a Miss Julia Wedgwood

n. Tom. - she is out here
for health. I was dicky
with one lump at innman.

- we went to the Hospital
also yesterday - very good
new operating room & all
in good order - but don't
think too much from all
sides of the D.s. There
Eng. or Native. - it has
done very well financially
this year.

- I don't think there is much
more to tell you today. H. has
written to Nana & means to
write to you. if she wakes up.
as instead of writing she has
gone to sleep.

- It is splendid to think
Baby has got on so well
through the vaccination.

Burners & I hope will
stay clear of measles.

- I think Nana is quite
for right suggesting going
to the towers a little later
than Aunt M. said - as
it is no use running
into such things.

- I am nearly mad
from fleas which are
swarming round me.

- well. I must stop
with lots of love &
a kiss for the daughter
- likewise thanks to
Rodie for her letter - if she
write you. Your car. Son Harry.

I am very glad R. was
so much more as she
used to be - 9/10

- is alright of course
about the extra charge
for a dr. House - - H. Agel
seems much more capable
of doing things & looks
fatter. I think Almond
is better - but varies
much from day to day.
- Minards seem inclined
to behave better too

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• old trouble still goes on
though not badly. ~~stth~~ I
suppose one ought to be
quite satisfied, as one knows
troubles like mine as a
rule take ages to 'quite
cure' & one feels that though
the climate is all I shouldth
be the food has been bad
all through & surely it is
is quite as important. It
is better here a lot, & the
air is lovely right off the
desert so one ought to do
well. I was so glad to
get your letter of the 27th
last night - you all sound
very well & chery & Baby
all she should be - you
don't say anything of Nana
which I hope means she

has quite recovered - I shall
be glad to know she is
though! I do hope she &
Baby won't go to the Towers
till all risk of measles is
over. Yarmouth is such
a poky little place & the
house is right in the village
- I know Nana is worried
of it which is a relief
as she will be as careful as
possible - I wonder how
long they will stay, I
hope not very long
as Nana is sure to get
a murriec there - she
always does as they have
the best home made dough
they call bread - always!
I shall have to live out
when we go there for it.

would Kill me. I am so
glad Rosee is so much
better, it was good of
her to write to me & I
must answer her letter one
day soon. I do hope
Noel will get Brecon, it
would be such a good
thing from every point
of view. Many thanks
for Jack's letter, he certainly
sounds much more
cheerful & I expect as
time goes on they will
settle down quite happily.
By the way the Unicode
has turned up alright &
we are glad to have it.
There doesn't seem to be
much more to tell you
today so I will stop -

Lots of love from us
both & kisses to dear
Babs if she is still
with you

Ever am I
y^r loving
Hazel

My dear Mother - your letter to
me & P.C. - have both turned up by
the same mail this evening (5th) & we
were very glad to get them & have
such a good pic of Baby Nana - I
won't write much as it is just bed time
& I am very tired - having spent most of
the day in Cairo wrestling with Steamer etc.
- I was very tired after the long rly journey
here but is quite recovered again - but it
has made us think that the long train
job home through Italy may be very
tiring & we have thoughts in consequence
of taking ship to Marseilles & staying
a bit at Hyeres or Costabella - where it
would be warmer than Naples now.
& less crowded & greatly reduce the rly
journey - if we do this we may cross
by N. S. Lloyd - about the 13th inst. or
P.O. a few days later.

With lots of love
I got the commutment form for my
have used it a lot. for to which Thanks

GRAND HÔTEL CONTINENTAL

SIMONINI FRÈRES Propriétaires
PORT-SAÏD (Egypte)

2.50/27

Port-Saïd, April 13th 05-

Re d. 22^d

My dear Mother - As you will father from the wire
we sent you today we are here & going on to Marseille
at once - he had been trying to get berth on
the "Marmosa" a big P.O. but failed - & so
took our chance in a vacant Cabin on a very
small one the "Japan" 4000 ton. & she is due
in here this evening - & we shall be 4 or 6 days
going to Marseille - she is a good little boat - so
I trust it will be a moderately decent voyage -
we came down from Cairo yesterday - a very hot
journey got in here about tea time & in comparison
to the train a temp of over 80° at Port Saïd felt
cool & pleasant. - we got your letter this morning
telling us that baby had knocked off bottles etc.
& I suppose now she is at Yammouh. I hope
the place is clear of measles but don't trust
the towns disinfecting arrangement. Ode's much
but hope for the best. - we are leaving a bit
earlier than we intended but I think it as
well as it's no good getting too dried up & they
going straight across to damp places. - we
hope to get in at the Costebelle Hotel - & have
cabled for room - but Easter time we are a
bit doubtful - so think it better for you to write
to Cook, Marseille. - H. was dead after the
Rly. yesterday & back a day. - but 10 hours sleep
last night without moving - seems to have put
her pretty nearly to rights again. - I fear we

shall not get on board until midnight
which is very trying but can't be helped.

- well I must stop & go out now.

Yours loving Son

Harry

Harry was very pleased with the food etc.
of Nana & all.

L 50/27

Hgives

Saturday.

L 50/28

My dear Mother.

We got some letter
with one from Aunt Kitty this
morning telling us of this latest
trouble - we are so fearfully sorry
about it - but thankful that
she is not very bad & hope at
this time of year she will
get over it quickly - poor little
boy - on the top of every thing
else it's very bad for her & I,
but she will have it lightly
too - as she isn't strong at all
- & it's so soon after measles.
- we have discussed the question
of coming straight home - &
though H. is longing to be with
Babs. & it's an awful worry to
her - we think if we hear all

is well. that we will stay a
bit longer - especially as Hazel
isn't over yet again. in fact doesn't
seem to get over the upset she
had before leaving Egypt. -
- we are both very sorry Baby
isn't with you instead of the
Dancers - but one can't arrange
these things. As to Nana
having any suspicion of
whoping Cough before leaving
Woolston. That's all humbug -
or rather Aunt K. - who
entirely never loses a
chance of a dig. at Nana.
- I have not the least doubt
that Nana made some remark
in the train about it - but
certainly she would not have
thought of going with any idea
of such a thing coming on -

the extracts
- from what appears in your
letter its obvious all
including Aunt K. & Mr. D.
simply thought it a teething
cough. - with which Baby
was always bad - when the
teeth were on the move
- Think it will be best to
simply let things as far as
the above is concerned drop.
As you may well not get to
the bottom of it. & of course
your letter to Aunt K. puts
matters straight. - But
naturally such things make
one wish it had shown up
a few days earlier & that
she was with you - we have
told Aunt K. she must simply
settle with you according to
D^r & Circs. about Baby going

To Woolton - when she is really
fit to move we should prefer her
to be with you - but that all, as
it's impossible for us at this
distance to judge -

- we have sent a wire to the
Towers today as our latest letter
from there is Wednesday - but
this aft. a Thursday's letter
has come & I expect we shall
soon get a wire as well.

- I got P.P.A.'s note safely
& will write to him -

- we think of stopping at
Lyon & Dijon a night or
so on the way home to break
the journey & then cross from
Lyon to Solon - in preference
to long sea & I spent yesterday in
Marseilles arranging about it.
- It is writing so & will stop - I
do trust all will go well
your loving son Harry

TELEGRAMS
ERMITAGE-COSTEBELLE

May 1st - Monday

L. 50/20

THE COSTEBELLE HOTELS

HYÈRES (VAR)

My dearest Lady Longmore
Your letter of 28th
turned up this morning & though
there is nothing of moment
to write about - I feel I must
answer it! I do hope you
will succeed in getting over
to Yarmouth today for I am
longing to hear your account
of every thing - Aunt Kitty
is very good about writing
but really tells one nothing -
However Baby must be
going on as well as possible
which is a mirac so one

ought to be satisfied I suppose. I long for details though. & apparently Anne is seedy - how seedy I can't make out - for A.K. is so delightfully vague - This as to Esme - she says reproachfully that she has got it, & each P.C. tells us 'she coughs incessantly' or that 'her cough is very bad' but we've no idea really whether she has it mildly or badly! So you see all news will be gratefully received. Aunt Kitty speaks of Baby being shut up in one room - I wonder why. For E has it & there is no ^{need} of quarantine - why

should the poor child have a change about the house, even if she can't go out. All these little things worry one & one can't forget them. Try as one will - & it's dreadful to have a Baby & feel as I do, that though she is mine - my very own she has all her life ^{been} looked after & cared for by others - she always feels it but particularly at times like these. An idea has struck us that it might be better for Baby to go to a fresher & more bracing place than Woolston - where she can be moved -

say Southbourne or some-
where in that direction for
an idea that with w.c. change
& lots of fresh air are
about - The only medicines!
What do you think? Our
idea is to be home about
the 15th & of course, if you
could go with them to
some suitable lodgings we
could join you there - Perhaps
you couldn't manage this, or
perhaps it would be
better for Baby to go to
Woolston first & go away
later after we get home.
So think this scheme over
& let us know your ideas
on the subject - It seems

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THE COSTEBELLE HOTELS
HYÈRES (VAR)

to us, the sooner she gets
a change the better, it's
rather piling up the agony
going to you & then moving
again in two or three
weeks, but I know there
is so much to be said for
against that it is quite
impossible for us to give an
opinion worth having.

I know this is all giving
you a lot of work - both
with head & hands as it
were, but I know too how
more than willingly you
do it & therefore one

doesn't mind asking. I hope
some day we will be able
in ever such a small
way to do the same by
you!

Yr loving
Ned

TELEGRAMS
ERMITAGE-COSTEBELLE

2,50/31
Saturday

THE COSTEBELLE HOTELS
HYÈRES (VAR)

My dearest Lady Longmore
Your letter of Tuesday turned
up this morning, with Aunt Kitty's
telling us about the whooping
cough. Of course it has
bothered us rather & we are
dreadfully sorry she has
given it to Esme. Aunt Kitty
writes in rather a curious
way about it, but one
can't be surprised if she
is rather exasperated for
really they have had an
awful time of it. Really
I would have given any

thing if the watched thing had
only developed before they
went to the Towers, but it
can't be helped & from all
what A.K. says Baby is
getting on vrry well. I am
longing to hear your account
& only wish you could
carry her & Hana back to
Woolston with you, for I'd
feel so much happier about
them both there! Aunt K.
says in her letter just come
(written on Thursday) that
Hana has "rheumatism or
something of the sort" & I am
wrruffed by her getting bad
on the basis of everything

She won't get any help or
consideration at the towns
I know & of course she must
have continuous bad nights
& ~~times~~ - at least that is
my recollection of w.c.
However, I'm trying not to
worry, but it is difficult,
as one continual stream of
horrors flows through my
brain the whole time & I can
think of nothing else! We
wrote to Aunt Kelly - & told
we will leave it to you &
her to settle about Baby's
going back to Worlston -
she asks what we would
like her to do - There is

no need to impress on you
how glad we'll be when
she has gone home, but of
course it is much better
just to leave it for you
to settle, as it is quite
impossible for us to know
when it will be best to
move but I'm afraid this
is hopelessly incoherent but
my brain is a muddle
& there is a card playing
furiously. I long to rush
home but I know I would
only be silly & we would
make deep alterations in
our plans if every thing
goes on in the way I
should. Of course I've
said nothing to anyone

L. 50/32

TELEGRAMS
ERMITAGE-COSTEBELLE

THE COSTEBELLE HOTELS
HYÈRES (VAR)

about Anna's stupid speech
in the train, & I hope by
this time you've got to the
bottom of it - I feel sure
if she did make such a
remark it was more or
less joking just as I said
to W. the other day in Port-
S. when he was a bit seedy
oh I really think it must
be typhoid - I didn't honestly
think so of course - & very
likely in the same way
Anna may have thought
of W. when she heard

Badly enough without really
thinking in the least it
was the real thing. Any
how Aunt K might have
said there & then that if it
thought so, she had better
go straight home instead
of thinking nothing more
about it for several days.
It was too late to bring
up her remark a week
later when the w.c. was
an established fact. Of
course knowing what it
is I think she was just
trying to make trouble
with you - I am sure

have would not have
gone if she'd thought
for a moment it really
was W.E.

I'm just going so as
time for more

yr loving
Naze

Be sure you
tell us exactly how it
all works out.

ADRESSE TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE:
Lillalbion

I 50/33

Hôtel de Lille et d'Albion
223, Rue St. Honoré. Paris.

(sans Succursale)
Thursday,

My dear Mother. /

Our wife will have
told you that our plans have
again changed a bit. - We
got up to Marnes all well.
- but H. had been really very sick
the last few days at Cortetelle
very bad backache indeed. Combined
with miasms all wrong & a certain
amount of temp. & naturally
after several days in bed she was
feeling pretty weak. - under these
circs. I thought it better to take
the sleeping car & come right
through by night (as she always
sleeps well even in Shaky trains)

rather than venture on finding
French hotels at Lyons & Dijon
& in case she was very seedy.
- the impossibility of finding
an English Dr. we left
Marseilles last night at
8.00. & got here 8.30 this
morn'g. H. had a good night
- slept some 7 hours in train.
& is none the worse. & this
aft. we have been for a short
drive - we wired Son as
we are anxious to know
if Bats is going to Son today.
I fear from Aunt Kitty's
P.L.'s & a scuffle from home.
that the old woman is pretty
seedy. I am afraid when
we get home Hazel won't
be good for much either.
- No pretty sickening - &

this upset of Hazel's I
fear will have undone
much of the good of Egypt
& she won't come home looking
a bit fatter than when she
left or very little.

If Betsy is with you
we propose crossing tomorrow
night & so shall in that
case be home on Sat.

mom. well! I am afraid
you are in for another
houseful of crocks.

Hazel sends much love.
& there was no need to
tell her that you would
do all your coats for her.
- In fact her chief source
of worry has been their

not being up with you.

Yours loving son.

Harry.

P.S.

This is where we stayed
together before. & we drove
in the Bors today & then
- but I am glad to say our
French seemed to carry us
through better than on that
occasion.

You were just come so we
shall cross tomorrow night
all being well - H. says
don't say ^{anything} to Nana about
her being seedy - as she doesn't
want Nana to be worrying about
her -

TELEGRAMS
ERMITAGE-COSTEBELLE

Monday 29 May
THE COSTEBELLE HOTELS L. 50/34
HYÈRES (VAR)

My dear Mother.

Things have been
going thoroughly wrong just the
last few days. - to begin with
as you know we decided to go
to a little place called Baudet
- which we thought looked nice &
where there was supposed to be
a good hotel - we had no sooner
arranged matters & told everyone
that letters were to be sent on
there. Then Hazel went off
Sedg. - in this wise, he went
for a drive last Wednesday - took
one & enjoyed it - Thursday it
was backachey Friday do. & after

mustard plaster etc. - it suddenly
went away. To be promptly followed
by very upset mind & much
indigestion pain. & after giving
ordinary things I got the D^r here
to come in & she has been in bed
Friday Sat & most of Sunday - is
better today & we have hopes of
getting on to Marseille tomorrow
to carry out our programme -
She is naturally feeling lumb. &
wretched & it is much aggravated
by the postal authorities here.
- as through the Baudel business
- all letters have gone astray -
notwithstanding repeated wires
& telephonic communication
- the only thing we have had
being a wretched letter of
Thursday last from Yarmouth

Saying Baby going on very well.
- but Nana Leeds & they were going
to get the D^r for her - & naturally
H. has visions of Nana had &
baby in the hands of aliens etc
- we have wired Yarmouth today
but have not yet had a reply.
- but we don't expect much
satisfaction as Aunt R. generally
leaves unsaid the things you
want to know & says the
things you don't care a rap
about - I only hope letters
will turn up tomorrow &
that the wire may be
satisfactory - we shall
do our best to move on if pos.
- but all this stomach disturbance
& worry is pretty sickening after

after trying lodo away
with such things in Egypt.

- & we are now back on minute
fragments of chicken - Brands.
essence & the like: —

- I hope Baby will be
home with Jon in a day or
so. — So that Nana will be
able to have a little looking
after.

Hazel sends lots of love

— Your low son.

Harry

TELEGRAMS
ERMITAGE-COSTEBELLE

Friday 5th May
L 50/35

THE COSTEBELLE HOTELS
HYÈRES (VAR)

My dearest Lady Longmore

I was so thankful to get your
letter of Monday evening yesterday, ^{now} & yes
of Wed. has just come. By the same
post-yesterday I got a long letter from
Nana so I got heaps more news of
Baby than ^{than} all I'd heard before put to
gether! Thanks so very much for
writing so fully - it has been the
greatest relief getting information I can
rely on - I quite agree with you
that it will be far better for both
N & Baby to go to you instead of allowing
him a charge at present, neither
of them will be ready for it & I re-
alized that at once when I got - yes &
Nana's yesterday - Aunt K had made
so very light of Baby's attack - that
though I rather mistrusted her

I thought she ~~would~~ might be fit
for it at once - Nana says ~~most~~
exactly the same as you & tries
hard to be cheery though I can
plainly see she is just about done
poor old thing - The night must
try her so & at Yarmouth the
responsibility ~~less~~ worries her -
She will be thankful to be back
with you & says "Every one has been
so cross about it (w.c.) which makes a
very hard time for us" - of course
I gathered that & it makes me furious
She also says "Baby coughed a little
for 3 or 4 days before coming here &
I thought it was her teeth & said
it sounded like whooping & never
thinking it really was until after
being here about 3 days - then I said
to Mrs Dean it did so sound like it
& she said the Dr was coming to see
Mrs Lane & would I like to see
him etc etc etc" - I can quite
see how that unfortunate remedy

occurred & it evidently was just
as I thought - I am so glad you
took Baby a dolly & for a m. - I've
asked A.K. twice to get her any little
toys she can & I do hope she will
We are awfully relieved to hear
asmi was - bad, from Aunt -
accounts she was far far worse
than Baby, scarcely having five
minutes free from coughing & the
cough shaking her to pieces. Those
were her own words, so you can
imagine how glad we were to
hear your accounts " You will
be surprised to get this in pencil.
but Hazel isn't brilliant - he went
for a drive day before yesterday & I
think she got either a little cold
or too much shaking. for she has
been backache since & it was rather
bad last night - & today being
hopelessly wet. She has stayed quiet
in bed instead of - on going to Bant

+ all being well we shall move
on there tomorrow. Though if she
isn't normal - or weather is bad
we may not. - we were very
glad to get your & Nana's - as
the Towers reports are not over
full - & rather lead one to believe
Baby pretty well & some very
bad - It will be a great relief
when baby can get up to go -

Beautifully fresh after the rain
which was much wanted & it is
the first rain bar the small shower
at Assuan we have seen since
Jan'y. - As we have settled up
our movements etc. I think we shall
stick to our idea of being home on 16th
+ trust to luck in way of weather
improving
Yours London
Harry

TELEGRAMS
ERMITAGE-COSTEBELLE

April 24 '04

L. 50/36

THE COSTEBELLE HOTELS
HYÈRES (VAR)

My dear Mother /

We got here alright on
Sat. evening - absolutely calm
breeze across & calm
but it started blowing hard from
the N. just before we got to Marseille.
So much so that they wouldn't
take the "Mamora" into the harbor
& we had to land in a tug.
lunched in Marseille & got in
here very comfortably. Leaving
M. at 4.30 - change at Toulon
where we had tea & $\frac{1}{2}$ hour
wait. & got here about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$
- we found old Gen. Bob. Festing

on the steamer - or rather he
found us from the name on our
chairs - he had been out to
see his son in Ceylon - also on
board was a Mr. Mrs. Powell
- you will know who I mean
cousin of the Tugler - I think
she was a Miss Best - they
all wished to be remembered to
you. - On getting into Marseilles
Gen. Festing heard his sister was
very ill - I presume "Susy" -
instead of continuing round by
sea - he was hurrying home overland
& poor old boy was very nervous of
the long railway journey alone - not
having done it before -

- This is the most perfect
place - glorious view from the

Hotel - sheltered by pine woods
& high land - & open country
with olive groves - vines - palms
etc. down to the sea about a
mile away - a perfect garden
with every sort of flower out
& masses of roses. Hazel was
very sick just before leaving
Egypt - thorough invalid upset
in fact not right ever since
the journey from Luxor - but I
think the ship has done her
much good & she is better again
now & enjoying this lovely
place - I am sure if all
goes well this place ought
to suit her well as it isn't
too hot but very dry & sunny
now - I think you had
better write direct to the

Hotel - until we tell you to
stop instead of Cook's -
- The Coskelle Hotel

Hyes (Var)
is correct - The hotels consisting
of two the "Albion" & "Minitage"
but they are connected together
& practically one - we have
found a few of names & baby
from the Towers - & found
a big budget of yours - Towers
so the letters at Marseilles
- well I must stop - it's
nice to be in easy reach
of letters again -
Your lov. son
Harry

L. 50/37

PACIFIC & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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Those small
Pr B's are a
disgrace to the
line - we thought
when we were
taken down below
we were going
through the stateroom
or very inferior
2nd class. It was
worse than a
German
21st!

My dearest Lady Longmore

We hope to get on to Marseilles tomorrow morning & are rather tired as we left on Monday & ought to have got in on Thursday but they are dawdling as they say it is useless being in on Good Friday. We have had bad luck - you'll see from my heading that we didn't get off in the Japan after all - she came in very late on Thursday night & we went on board between one & two only to find that through some mistake they only had single berths vacant & we would have had to separate. The ship looked simply unspeakably dirty & horrid, swarming with cockroaches & the cabins we would

have been in were right on top of
the boiler & lined with ~~blues~~
not a hook to put anything on
& only one tin basin for the two
occupants to wash in - when
we heard instead of taking ~~four~~
days as Cooks had told us, she
took a week to get to U. we
simply turned tail & fled! We
felt afterwards as if perhaps we
been silly, but really I was hardly
seen at the time, dead tired, &
they were coaling & the appalling
heat & the horror of having to
turn in with some one else was
too much - & it was H. who
suggested going back! We returned
to the ghastly hotel & did our best
to get some sleep but it was
almost impossible owing to the
mosquitos - they were awful &
we simply couldn't get our eyes
clear of them - & eventually

we concentrated our energies at
our bed & turned in together -
though the heat was great -
The next day we returned
to Cairo as we felt sure it
was the only way to get any
thing done & H. told Cooks with
great plainness what he thought
of them! He saw Mr. Harrison,
who was exceedingly nice &
eventually, between him & the
P. & O. head man they managed to
get us a good cabin in this
ship & we left once more on Mon
day! - They gave us a carriage
to ourselves to P. Said & were
very kind, but of course the
whole thing was an awful nuisance.
Those three journeys in a
week were pretty trying & P. S.
is the most unutterable vile place
I've ever seen - We stayed
in Cairo from the 11th to Sunday

till Monday & saw Percy & M.
They were both charming & we
were very sorry not to see
more of them - They leave
next week themselves.

We've had a delightful passage
so far & till today it has been
quite warm - there are a lot
of people on board we know
& it has really been quite nice
though I shall be thankful to
get ashore tomorrow - Mrs. Hughes
who was with us went on in
the Tapan & we are very
much wondering how she enjoyed
herself - I am sorry this is
such a scrap but I've no more
paper - we forgot to bring
any & they have run out
on board - I am longing to
get letters for it is over a
week since we heard.

Lots of love from us
both. Yr loving Hazel

May 3rd 06

L 50/38

We sent you a wire this morning
to send letters to Cook's again as
we are thinking of moving on on
Friday to some other place between
here & Marseilles - before starting
homewards - which we expect to do
from Marseilles next Tuesday -
spending a week en route - stopping
at Lyons, Dijon & Paris - we will
let you know more in a day or so
but don't expect to be here
after Friday morning -
Harry.



THE COSTEBELLE HOTELS, HYÈRES (Var.)

Telegrams
ERMITAGE-COSTEBELLE

LIFT

A BOUTILLIER, 20, RUE DE LA VILLE, PARIS

THE COSTEBELLE HOTELS

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

3 MAY 1905
HYÈRES (Var)

CARTE POSTALE

Ce côté est exclusivement réservé à l'adresse

A. PEYRON, Propriétaire



Mrs Lady Longmore
Woolston - Southampton
England.

May. 4th 05.

L 5.0/39

- we are leaving here tomorrow (Friday)
+ any letters posted to us at Cooks' -
Marseilles - will find us - until Monday
next - we shall be going on from Marseilles
on Tuesday morning to Lyons - so write in
good time to catch us there on the 9th & we
shall be there until Thursday morn. (11th)
- we should get a letter at Dijon on
11th when we stay the night &
then shall be in Paris from 12th
to 15th - write to Head Post
office at Lyons & Dijon. V.
The Cooks' Son - Rue de Rivoli
- Paris -



It is very pleasant to hear from you
the wife of the late Mr. Cook

W. F. L.

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

CARTE POSTALE

Ce côté est exclusivement réservé à l'adresse



M^{rs} Lady Longmore

Woolston

Southampton

England

Read
to Mr. & Mrs. S. -
Marcell 3rd -

(444)

L 50/40

New Plymouth.

Feb. 17th 07.

My dear Mother.

We were very glad to get yours of Jan 2nd yesterday - but very sorry to hear you were indulging in bad cold etc. but I hope it got well quickly & that you have had nothing more of that sort.

To begin with - The Jersey - hot water jug & Hazel's Soap box all arrived safely & were all very much appreciated - I fancy I have told you this before - but possibly in a letter that you will get after Jan 2nd - also Thanks for seeing to Xmas gifts & for telling me how I stand at Cox etc.

- Yes - please tell them to pay the interest annually on the £300 - to Aunt E. or her exec. - I won't write to them direct as I don't know where you would like the money paid to. -

We are thoroughly enjoying our present farm life & it's a very good one for Hazel's baby - awfully nice house - well in the open in a nice fresh spot & heaps of animals of all kinds for the baby to trot round after & feed etc. & we find the pig most useful - as we drive everywhere for everything - we have a telephone in the house - which is most useful, as Hazel can order all she wants from the shops through it. - The trouble is we are only here for so short a time. - W^m

2 17 Feb. 1907

L. 50/40

Jiffith (the owner wife) is a niece of Capt. O'Callaghan, who was skipper of the Britannia for some time. & they are very nice folk.

I don't quite know what our next movement will be - but if the Cole family settle on Auckland we shall just do the Wanganui River & Hot Springs trip - probably through to Taumaranga. & then sit tight in Auckland for the remainder of our time - I am rather thinking of going down South as far as Christ Church - just on my own - to have a look at the Country - but haven't decided yet. but if so will look up Mr Clarke. We are taking advantage of a Vancouver mail this time as though there is a 'Prisco' due in London a couple of days later. it has been so uncertain lately that one can't rely on it a bit. The Steamers are pretty rotten always breaking down & also they are having immense difficulty over their crews. Which consist of the scum of 'Prisco' - which is pretty bad. - I don't think you told me that you had lent Tom Tuite £25 again - but may have - but I hope he will turn up again with the money. - but I am sorry he had got into low water again poor chap. You must have had an awfully cold rough spell at home about Xmas

17 Feb. 1907

L 50/40

o Bette Laurence must have had a rough
trip after the D^r. but am glad to hear N^o 3
arrived safely. - Taking it all round we have
had lovely weather & very hot. - part of the
time at Takapuna too hot with the most
N.E. wind. here for the most part it is fresh &
bracing sort of weather. - I am going to make
a bit of a plan of this house as its rather a
nice design. I well arranged. I would make a
very nice sort of "improved" "P^r Brides" -

I am sending my tickets home to Kellie Wallis's
Co " This mail to see what we can arrange
with them for the return via Canada. & its rather
difficult - as after we get to Canada - we can
hardly say ourselves which way we shall get home.
-wards - as it depends a good bit of what we
hear of the Windward Isles. from the Williams'
- but I expect they will be able to leave it to their
agent in Canada to arrange the latter part
- when we get there. - baby's little sheet dolls
chair met with accident the other day the
woodwork getting much broken. - luckily Mr
Juppitt has a good carpenter shop. & so I have
been able to renew it & its now as good as ever
again - it was a source of much tribulation
for a short space. She will be delighted with

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a new Rosie - to wheel about in it - When she
arrives for her birthday - I hope Noel
will get the C.C. ship - but if he doesn't - I
really think they will all be the happier
for giving up Stonehouse - of course the Sup.^{er}
work suits Noel well enough - but financially
it's no catch & as it leads nowhere - they will
be the happier for getting to some place where
they will be (the family generally) more fit &
well. Charlie must have done a good deal
over his new house - & the new Polly must
be a nice beast. I am very sorry Reggie
wasn't able to enjoy him after Xmas. - I am
so sorry he wasn't over fit again - he has
had very bad luck poor chap. Yesterday
morn'g. I was out taking a few photos. & took a
snap of the infant & as it's rather good I enclose
one. She didn't know I was taking her & was busy
chattering about some cattle at the bottom of the hill
& was pointing at them. The trouble is that when she
is thinking & talking hard she has a way of throwing
her head up & half shutting her eyes. Which
makes her look rather odd. - but it's rather
nice & gives a good idea of her size - The other
one I enclose is taken from where baby is standing
looking over the top of our house (just below) out
to sea over the country between us & Shandon -

P.T.O.

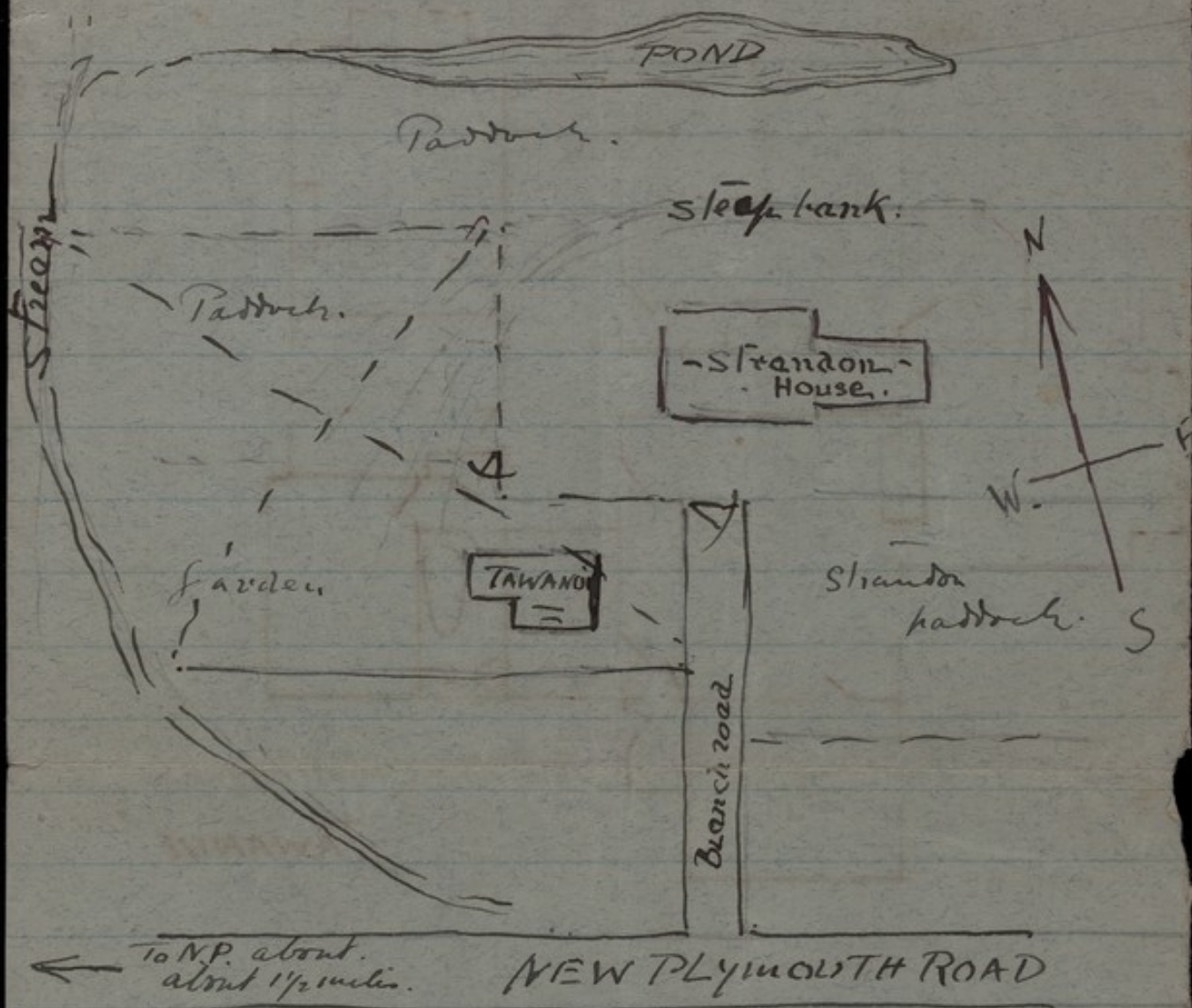
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 the picture of her
 morning of the boat she is being
 hauled up now. She did us very
 well. I am glad to hear they are managing
 to rub along fairly well. - saying her crowd of
 from heard from just off (last Sat.) today for Norfolk Isle.
 herself. He is here. I must stop now - for lack of news.
 with heaps of love from us all. Love from Harry.

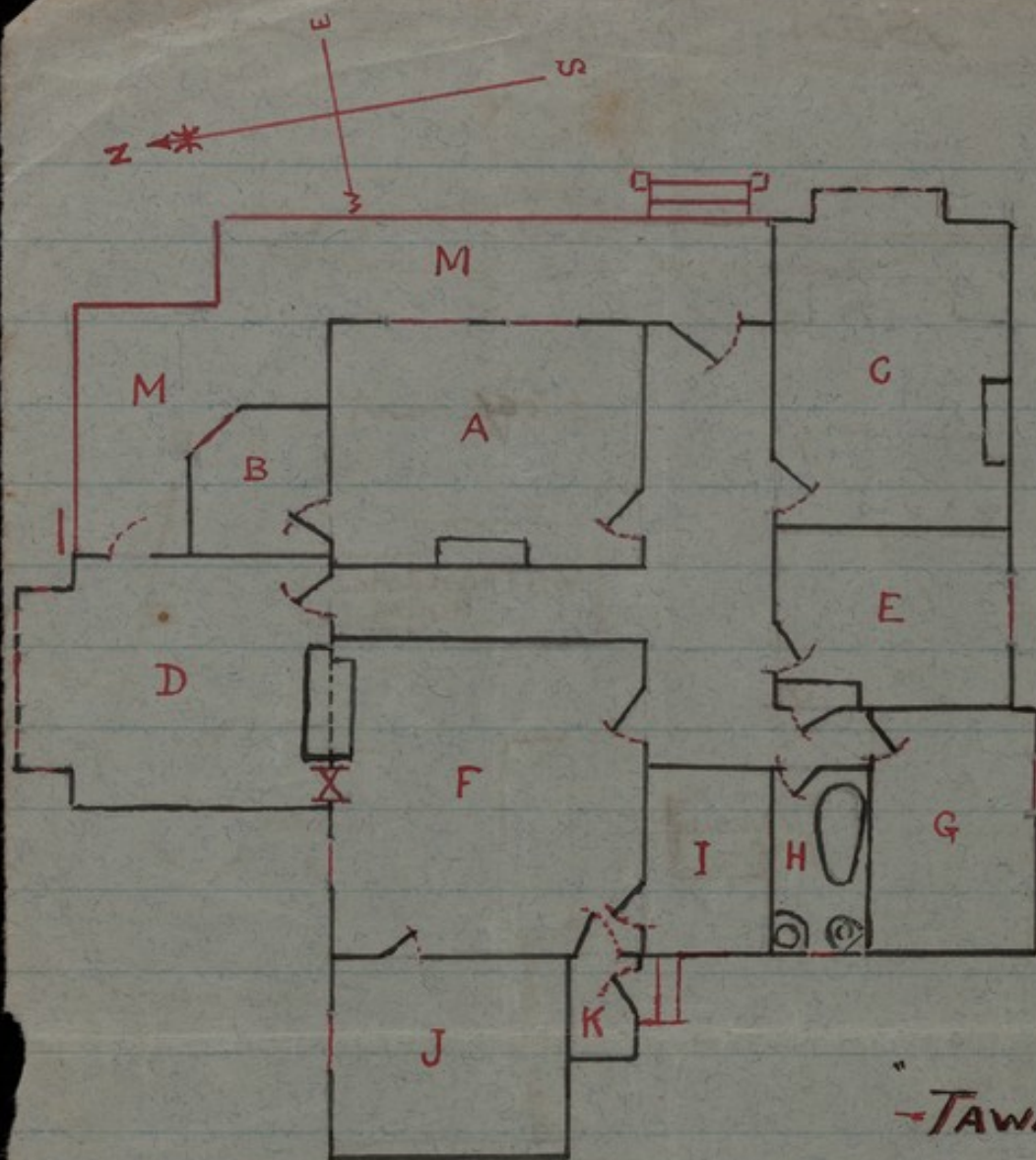
P.S.
 as well -
 Hazel is better of father again - it's really an awful curse for her - not
 by finding indignation - but enough to make her pretty miserable at times.

Some of us will write by the Times' mail
 which leaves here in a week or so.
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 an awful curse for her - not
 her pretty miserable at times.

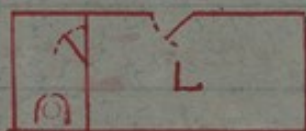
SEA

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"TAWANUI"



- A --- Our Bed room, with Dressing room B ---
 C --- Baby + nana --- Formerly Drawing R
 D --- Dining + Drawing Room --- Dining room
 E --- Study --- Bed room
 F --- Kitchen - serving hole to D
 G --- Box room --- Bed room
 H --- Bath - for. & L. (Hot & cold)
 J --- Larder + scullery. (do)
 J --- Servant's Bed room
 K --- Porch + Kitchen door
 L --- Wash House + Lav.
 M --- Verandah

19. 3.06.

Recd
April 26th

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L 50/42

New Plymouth.

Sunday. Mar. 17th 07.

My dear Mother.

There is a Vancouver mail out on Tuesday.
So I am starting a scribble this aft. - Baby's Birthday
& a miserably wet day - one of the 1st we have had
for ages. - but really having a very good time - inspecting
all his dolls. - a new cooking stove & sundry books from
Aunt Mina - tomorrow she is having a party & numerous
other presents - I have no doubt. - how the time does
slip along. - her last years party at Shandon only
seems the other day. - Our two months in this
house is nearly up - that is today on the 26th & then as
the Cole family plans are no further advanced - we
have taken another house for a couple more months
- as we thought it would be a pity to go up to Auckland
(via Rotorua & Waikare River) & possibly Tauranga
- as in that case - should the Cols. decide on going to
the South Is. - we should not have seen any more
of them - So we thought we would give them another
month or so to make up their minds - The next house
is a very nice one indeed - but unfortunately - minus
cows, pony trap etc. - all of which items of farm
life we shall miss very much. & we have quite made
up our minds that when we have that estate at home
it must include enough land for a cow or so. However
- The house is very comfy. & the chances to me - we shall

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got along well of wet now it has started & in that case we shan't miss the trap & for being right out in the country so much. - We had a great day last Monday: as we + the Cole family went up the mountain - it was rather a tall order for Hazel, as it meant a 20 mile drive to the mountain house. & a very slow drive as the last part is a tremendous climb & the drive up took some 5 hours - we left here at about 1/4 to 8 - it's a lovely drive - the last 5 miles - being through the most & glorious brush - huge trees - with thick undergrowth - & everything covered with thick moss ferns & every sort of parasite - unfortunately - when we got up about 2000 ft. it started pouring & poured in torrents until we got up to the mountain house. - Where we arrived all the more or less wet & pretty cold. (3300 odd ft. up by Wills' little Barometer). To find the mountain house (supposed to accommodate tourists etc.) a perfectly filthy shanty - with a rather dirty woman & dirty child busy over their "monthly" wash. - but after removing the bath of washing from the large open fire - we dried up & ate ~~up~~ our provisions & then the clouds kindly lifted & we had a most glorious view all over the country - some of us had hoped to walk up higher - but the whole place & track up the mountain being a bop. - we got no higher - the mountain is nearly 9000 feet - however

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we had a pretty good time & they all enjoyed themselves notwithstanding rain. - we got home with our wagnette & 3 horses about 7.00. - but alas! as far as the Cols were concerned the result has been rather disastrous as Aunt Margaret & Dwyer both had to take to their beds - having got chilled inside. & Dwyer has been pretty bad - we had plenty of wraps, coats etc. but it was the sort of rain that gets through anything - Hazel was a bit tired & not over brilliant next day but is none the worse - Hazel is "horse" with reading to the infant this aft. "She loves her books beyond all things & her "please go on humming" ends every chapter & story. -

we were most fearfully sorry to hear of Uncle Harry's trouble & I do hope there is really no question of the loss falling on him - I can't think it possible - Then again the Babington trouble - I am awfully sorry for them all & poor Ma and what a wretched time she must have had - so far we haven't met anyone who knew them - at least not more than just meeting at public functions - I wonder if Rosie is ever going to get clear of sickness - I am afraid poor little Mary - can't be strong enough to stand much illness - at least judging from her photo. we've got.

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we are wondering very much how it has gone with the C.C. ship of Deon. - The trouble is none of these wretched Comites seem to want a Policeman - - I had a letter from Martin Wilkins a few days ago - nothing very interesting but the rubber seems to be growing very well & they are shortly going to have an outside valuation of the property to get at its value - in case they decide to turn the concern into a Co. - The Taranaki oil seems to be going strong likewise - so up to date our Spec's look as if they should turn out well. - The 1st Co. who struck oil are now busy erecting refining plant & putting down several new bores. - The amount of oil absolutely run off so far - is not great - but the pressure is just as great - in fact much greater & they are simply waiting for the tank accommodation - The concern we took a few shares in ^{is} just going to start boring - certainly - it looks to the outsiders as if it is going to be a big concern - Funny Harry Laurence hearing of the Ven. Archdeacon's visit to Fiji from Sir S. in Thun - he generally goes off for a bit of a trip once a year - for a rest & change - & usually to S. sea islands & this year it was Fiji - he took about a good bit here though - Do you know

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The Rev. — Hatch - brear of (I think) St Pauls
Southampton - as he is a great friend of the
Coles. They used to see a lot of him in
Quebec. — Southampton must be looking
up a bit. With the White Star Line's coming there
& probably Cunard later - it will be a great
boost to Liverpool - though they are trying to
let them down lightly - according to the apt in
the Advertiser I send us - for which many thanks
also for the paper cuttings & "Studio" - also
the Yachtsman has turned up quite regularly.

We have been & are enjoying an epidemic
of fleas - & for a good many days my average
bag was 15 an evening - & though it has
dropped to 7 last evening - it totals well
over the 100 in the past fortnight - & this
is nothing to Strandon & sundry other houses
we know. - I caught 3 in Church East
Sunday most skilfully. Hazel is nearly
driven frantic & Baby too - but beyond the feel
of their foot steps they don't worry me - but I
hope they will soon pass on to the neighbouring
Towns & give us a rest - Seaton - is nothing
to it - Monday - The evening & the Birthday
party postponed till tomorrow - I can't think of
any more news. & Hazel will write by next Suez mail.

I don't think I thanked you for the statement of my age. I was glad to see
Nathan's dividends were paid in all right - I am awfully sorry to
hear of the Jim Morrison's trouble - Jack Morrison's death aged his father
a lot & I am afraid this will be a terrible grief to him - I have just
written a line to Rosie & Susie - I wonder if Percy ever heard any
more of their Silas - knowing something of the thieves of Egypt. - I should say
not. - very glad Jack passed for Col. I suppose they will
shortly be home again. - The Orisco mail seems - cutting off for some
time to come so letters will be a bit slower though more certain as to time
- I believe they are going to put on a fast Vancouver service - but I don't
suppose for another year or so.

Well I must stop now

Lots of love from us both & hope from the
infant - Your loving
Harry

May 17

(3 pp.)

L. 50/43.

R. Plymouth.
March 28 and

My dearest Mother

There seems an endless supply of mails at present & such being the case I'm sending you a line by an odd Frisco one, to say the new Rosie arrived the very day we posted our last letters - just two days after Baby's birthday. If only you could have seen Baby's joy you would have been more than repaid for all the trouble & thought you must have expended on her & her travelling arrangements. She arrived absolutely as she must have left your hands, there was not a hair of her head out of place - certainly you would take first prize at a packing competition - The doll is a little jewel, & Alice has dressed her beautifully. I think the 'nightie' is her most fascinating garment, but the coat runs it close - Baby simply adores the whole fit out & I'd be afraid to say how many times a day Rosie is

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L. 50/43

pat. to bed & got up again. Babs said gravely 'Granny must love me welly welly much to send me such a beautiful Rosie, & she has "written" 42 letters to thank you, but as they are still rather difficult to read I'll not send them on! Harry was greatly interested in the cuttings & I am charmed with the mending but more especially the darning needles - One can get nothing longer than a crewel needle here, & I've lost all I brought out with me. Please thank Julia very much for the exceedingly pretty calendar, it was sweet of her to think of sending it - I don't think we ever told you we got both the 'Tiger' & the Studio, & much appreciated them, both.

We are pretty busy as we move in two or three days, you'd think having only been here two months there would be nothing to do, but with the packing & cleaning - it is quite a business - of course having but the one maid makes it more difficult.

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as she has really got quite enough to
do in this big place, on an ordinary
day - Harry is waiting for me
to go into town so I will stop
with lots of love from us all &
heaps of thanks. Ever and
your most-loving
Hazel.

Babs says to tell you Rosie isn't
a bit shy with her new muzzie
& she loves N. Zealand - but as
an afterthought - she likes England
& Granny just as well - She is
so afraid you'll be left out in the
cold & feel hurt.

Rotorua

L. 50/44

Sept. 1st 05.

and Oct 17

My dear Mother

we have been up in this uncanny spot now for some 2. weeks. - but so far have seen very little of the sights of the neighbourhood. owing to influenza - Kana started it. The day after I fetched them up from Okoroire. Then baby & finally Hazel. - Baby is quite fit again - Kana more or less so. & Hazel still has a badish cough. & is not fit for much - They have had a pretty sharp go though & of a fairly virulent form - we intended leaving here about now - but owing to this will stay another 10 days or so - also weather has been vile & so we are always hoping that it may give over raining & let us enjoy a few drives etc. It's a queer spot & not a pleasant one to reside in - as the Crater is too thin & it's a bit too hot down below - just outside our window some 15 - 20 yards away there is a geyser squirting up clouds of steam & hot water - & all round the Township there are boiling pools - beauty looking mud lakes all seething & boiling - & geysers squirting - & the other night we had quite a sharp Earthquake shock. - Of course I'm soon get used to all these sundries - but one can't get away from the everlasting stink of sulphur - or rather rotten eggs. which is revolting - You wake up tasting it in the morning & it's always with one - H. & I came up first to the

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Hotel. & we looked round until we struck
This place - which is something between a boarding
house & private Hotel - very well run & most
comfy. - so in this respect we are comfy & well off.
& the people staying here are nice. - we have
had continuous rain. but I have got more or
less used to it & go off for longish walks: to get rid
of the blue microbes - The porter boy here is just
out from Whitwell Priory. - don't know how they
spell it. - but Victor Montague's place. where
he was portman & another man in the house
hails from Brum & knows Charlie - he is a
cos. of old Barrows. wine merchant - of Edgbaston
- There is an awful dearth of news so I
will cease & write by the next Sun.
old love - ever yours lov. Son.

Harry

L. 50/45

Rotorua
Sister xst

My dearest Mother

Just a line to put inside Harry's
I never felt less in the humour for
writing so I know it is useless to
attempt much - We are all recovering
from that horrid influenza, but oh dear
it does make one feel a wreck, I
wasn't really a bit bad & only
stayed in bed one day, but I felt
dreadful for days & even now
am pretty sorry for myself. Poor
old Ma was a wreck for over a
week & mostly in bed, & for 24
hours dear Babs was fearfully bad
too with a temp of 105. I was kept
busy between them & luckily didn't
take it till they were able to manage
without me. I do hope Harry will escape.
- I think he will now - the weather
is unspeakable, - pouring rain every
day & all day, & it looks as if it never
would stop. Luckily the people here are

very nice & there is an English man who
takes Harry out - walking wet - or fine
so we might be in a worse place.
Pat. is quite herself again & is as
happy & contented as possible, she is
a marvel I really think, for she
is never bored & always so cheerful
& full of delightful things to do. She
never wants to be amused & is
for things she can't have - I can't
think what has come to her these days.
It is 5.30. - time for the last meal
of the day so I must stop
Heaps of love from yr ever loving
May & I.

L. 50/46

Recd
Nov. 12

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Pipiriki
Wanganui River
Sept 24th

My dearest Mother

It is centuries since I wrote you a proper letter, but it is really not my fault, for something has gone quite wrong with my writing powers & try as I will, I can't write. So you must please forgive me, & doubtless soon this fit will leave me, & I shall be able to scribe once more. As a matter of fact there is really nothing left for me today, Harry has written such a full account of all our doings - We are both enjoying ourselves hugely & it would have been the greatest pity if we had left N.Z. without doing this trip. The scenery is magnificent. but I won't say more about it, as doubtless you can read a full description of the trip in the book we sent you. It was a pity it wasn't finished yesterday, but on the other hand it might have been far worse! Pipiriki is situated at one of the grandest spots

& if only it would be fine, what a time
we would have! It looks wonderfully
grand as it is with the mist & rain
curling about the mountains, but oh
how gl much more glorious it would
look with the sun shining on it all.
There is nothing here but the hotel
& a maori village - & the former stands
~~about~~ about 100 feet above the river
so you can imagine the view!

We were both quite dazed when we
arrived here yesterday, which was a
surprising seeing we'd been on the
boat since soon after six - & such
a boat. The seals were eccentrically
searching & there wasn't the smallest scrap
of comfort - to be got anywhere. One
was on the strain too all the time
for fear one should miss any bit
of the loveliness & what with the rapids
& the boat going backwards & side
ways & lordy how, - one was fairly
mazed. Doesn't it seem wonderful
to you my being able to do such things?
It is just lovely & if only that horrid
indigestion would go I'd be

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L. 50/46

quite well. As it is I seem to "thrive" on it, but it takes a lot of joy out of ones life. It is such a little thing too, of no moment to anyone, I don't believe there is a ~~pr~~ living who would take the trouble to get me right. Certainly up to date that is the case. Harry got a touch of influenza after all, I was afraid he would, but he wasn't bad with it. It left him with a hideous cough, which was a severe trial to both of us, but I'm glad to say it has practically gone now & he is quite himself again. I suspect he has told you we have taken a wee house quite close to Strandon & next door to Tawarree - for three months - I think we shall both be very glad to settle down again for a bit & I most sincerely trust we will not have any servant troubles this time. Aunt Robin has engaged a girl for us - one she knows something about, which sounds reassuring. Patricia & Anne are at Strandon - they could take them in & of course it's much nicer for them than being "boarded out". I'm afraid Babs will be well spoiled for her big cousins make such a lot of her.

Love Aunt to you all.

Hazel

The Land in Shelbourne County L. 50/47
was granted either to the father of,
or to X Judge Wilkins who died about 1850

Judge Wilkins married Sarah Breighton
& had children

Lewis	Isabella
Martin	Lucy
Charles	Polly

Lewis married a Miss Thomas
& had a large family all now dead
but has 4 grand children living
Sadie Rutherford, & 3 girls Myers.

Martin married & has living
2 Sons, Lewis Clergyman in Nova Scotia
Charles Cocoa Planter in Ceylon

Charles married a Miss Foreman
has 2 Sons Lewis
& Charles at the Windsor Farm
& I think 5 daughters

X His father was Isaac Wilkins

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Isabella married Capt. Moorsous
had nine Children, 5 living
Lewis C.E.

Charles Genl. M.

Henry C.C. of Lancashire

Isabella W. Lawrence

Rosalie Lady Longmore

Lucy married John Sturge
& had two Children

Lewis & Lucy both dead
but has 1 Grandson living Lewis Sturge Esq.

Sally married Revd T. Maynard D.D.
& had large family

3 Sons & I think 3 Daughters living
Revd J. Maynard, Udale Cumberland

Martin Maynard C.E. Ottawa Canada

Harriet - married to W. How

& 1 Son & 2 Daughters living at Leeds & S.

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Woolstone

Nov 18th

My dearest - Hal ? 1907

Will you
read the enclosed?
If you remember Mr. Horn
suggested L. Sturge writing
to Charlie Wilkins our
Windsor Cousin - this
is the result. I have
now written to Lewis Sturge
suggesting that we should
meet - if possible for
Linn, at Sir Colin's
next week. I know
much more of family
details than Lewis does
& he knows much more

Law & than I do - viz
he had Colin's long-headed
reference thrown in - I
think we ought to have had
a decent Committee to
turn the matter over - as
certainly I should think
something ought to be done
& I should say it - ought
to be independent - J. H. W.
I wrote to Martin Magrath
at Ottawa in July on this
subject - & asking him
to answer as soon as he
could but not a word
have I had. Please
return these letters at
once & write to also

Send me the Nova Scotia
Book. Mr. W. has sent
no plans - no nothing
but his letter, but I
know we are all interested
in the land - as my uncle
Lewis was eldest son - & he
never makes any exclusive
claim on it, but considered
it. he loved to sell.

John has this minute
come in. Many thanks
for the Cheque - but I
think we'd better not
send the Lib^y for the
Inst^l. till the next year
as it will be for 1904.
I will add to your \$-

Send a Postal order to
(I think / Mr. Pagnon for
Havr - I should ^{think} 10/- between
us is really enough - then
I'd take 5 of yours - & 3/-
could go ~~too~~ towards home.
My own last Ham was
~~too~~ dry - being too long - so
I'll get two fresh ones for
you - if not really satisfying
don't have any more.
The Sodor Sub. I'll send
in & remember I've had
over 2 pinnas.

May I have Christmas tell
I know a little more
or do you want to know
or acc. go there? I don't
like turning my back on

(2pp)

L 50/49

Woolstone

Nov 13th

? 1907

My dearest - Hal

I shall be

very glad for you to
see Lewis Sturge - & I have
sent him a P.C. by this
post - to say you'll do so.

I have for his benefit
& yours, written out on the
enclosed sheet a family
record for of the old judge's
descendants. My idea
is that - if any more
is to be made - some
one person ought to
represent each Branch,

on the few dollars that
might - come would be swallowed
up in Correspondence, & an
enormous amount of time
lost. If Lewisburg thinks
well - I could write to
George Hayward in Cumberland
to Charles Wilkins in
Ceylon, & also to the
Nigeri girls factor to get
their consent to a representative,
& to plan a Campaign, when
one is sketched out,
each family I suppose
electing its own Representative.
But the chief thing to
remember is that none

the family can afford to
send good money after
bad.

I should think Arthur
Macnaul could probably
help us about the
best N. S. Solicitors,
as he goes backwards
& forwards to Canada.
I think in connection
with his Solicitor
business - any how
I can ask him.

Edwin Gilpin, Esq., Deputy-Commissioner of
Public Works and Inspector of Mines, Nova
Scotia.

This good gentleman was
amongst the day houses
last week - an old N. S.

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about every minister, & the increasing vote of the
the electors will decisively reject the crude and dangerous
fiscal proposals of Mr. Chamberlain and the Prime
Minister, and that any attempt to tax the food of the
people will be completely repudiated.

This good gentleman was
amongst the 10 day houses
last week - an old N. S.

name, & I think a
Connection of old Willie
Hosse. I think this
is a bond - all to write.
Lewis ~~Sturge~~ Sturge seems
doubtful whether we have
any interest; or only
the eldest-son & his
descendants - but I feel
sure we all have, as
Uncle Lewis was the eldest-
son - & he never claimed
any more interest than
the others.

Much love dears
to you all at St. Jo's
Your ever loving
Mother

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One thing I want -

Levri S. to know but -

I didn't much care
to write it - Long ago

before Sadie Rutherford
was gone - just after her
father's death, I believe -

Now how got Sadie to

sign a paper giving up
her interest in this land

Sadie told me this
herself - & said that

she supposed as she
was not of age it need

not hold good, & I suppose

it need not - tho' I ~~think~~

Sadie considers it - does,

but - it did not seem

to me a strange thing
for W. H. to have done
& so think Lewis ought
to know - So he could
read this, but I should
think it would be
well to burn it.

(2pp.)

L 50/50

Woolslow

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Feb 14 - Saty -

My dearest - Harry

I never made
out - till last night -
just as I was going to
bed that a Frisco mail
made up in London
this agh - I am posting
this by the 10.45 post.
& hoping it may be
in time tho' somewhat
doubtful - I thought
Frisco mails were at
an end so never looked
for it - Now that I've
started writing I don't
know that there seems

a great lot - today.

Yesterday I got a letter from
L. Sturge - he appears to have
had another letter from
Mr Drysdale & the ⁶ Times people
who has written again to
them - asking them to
search Shelburne records
for any information that
can be found of the property
down there as we know
that - exists, which is
exactly what - I meant
to write - to them - as I think
it is very probable the rest
has been appropriated far
ago - as it is in the more
popular part: That

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particulars of theal - one
lot & cleared it - up,
we should have a
much better idea
whether it - was worth
while to portmunt
up the other, & the sort
of expense that would
have to be incurred - as
I see no one who can do
anything towards that -
but ourselves. I hope
Candida a simple remedy
like not drinking at
meals do her good it -
will be a real blessing.

I had Basil here
from Saturday till
Thursday morning - as
on Sunday night - I had

Spent - min. to bed quite
bad - Susie came on
Monday as arranged &
was awfully disgusted
to find him in bed - as
she left - her blue one
only just better from the
& nearly everyone had
been laid up in Quinsin
with it; other is pretty
tired out. Bas was better
but ought to be more careful,
or rather less careless of
his inside for he treats
it like a bear's skin
shop. Susie hopes to stay
here till the 15th if all
goes well - & I hope that
all next week will be

Clear rest - for her.
I've had 2 people in &
Susie talking to a friend
to get a bit - muddled
& must - send for post -
It seems queer to think
of Hagman King - we
free one 12 hours than
the rest - & blow the rest
& pour the rest & so on
Much love dears to
all & some kisses for
the baby - Poppy is
anxiously looking forward
to her advent - yesterday
"Mary" (her big doll) left
came off & poor P. kept -

Copious tears - mercifully
(She fainted) her elastic
tendon was caught - &
after a time refastened &
she's as she was, but -
poor said she felt it -
as much as if she was
her own child. The shock
went right - thro her head
poor child! She's a most
loving ~~insto~~ nature
for ever loving
Mother

The whistle has come
so there's no time to
read this over

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Woolslow 58
Friday, July: 7th

My dearest - Hal

Your of Dec: 22nd
has just - come in.
You have heard long
before this that - my
Cold did depart - & that -
I have really been working
well since - I've had a
bit - of headache up & cold
about me the last - week
but - nothing to speak about -
& have been doing as usual
except for a day or two
last week when I didn't
feel fit - to, from headache.
Call that - came I think
from (as I fancy I told you
last week) thinking I was

Young on a frosty day doing
too much - so altogether
I think I've done well
this winter - or I've
been done well, for what
I'm thankful. I'm very
glad you've liked the
books - I thought they were
good. It seems so odd
to hear you looking forward
to Christmas when with us
it's all over of the long past.
I'm glad you've found so
good a quarter for your
Baby while you are
away, & I hope the South
Island trip will be a
success. Glad you've
been enjoying riding
too. The new steamer
sounds as if it would

be better than the old
Fiji plan & more comfortable
for all if you can affect
the exchange.

I have just got another
letter from W. from
a quite natural friendly
letter - & I really think
we must have been
under some extraordinary
misunderstanding, &
that my letter in reply
to his queer one has
poured oil on the troubled
waters - I'll send
you all correspondence
that - pls on - & don't
forget to tell me where
to direct to. At present
we are writing to the M.P.
James people to try & locate

get all particulars of the
Shelburne land before
you get to U.S. if possible,
as that - is the only land
we know exists - as Wilkins
land. I'm afraid some
of them out there are awfully
poor, & Charlie Wilkins's
illness is I believe Cancer.
So if the Shelburne land
could be dealt with for
the benefit of the poor ones
there one would be glad
even if we English members
got nothing out of it -
except of course in that
case - repaid any money
laid out, & I believe all
would agree with us not
to haffle over a minute benefit
to ourselves. If we get full

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EMPERESS HOTEL
VICTORIA, B. C.

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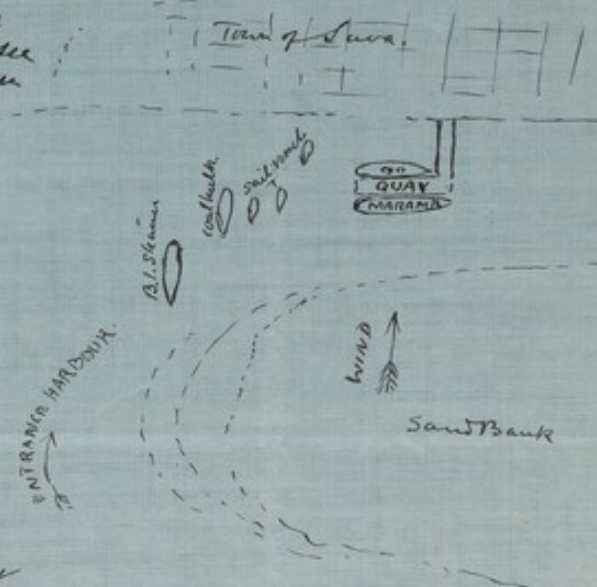
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April 9th 02.

My dear Mother.

It seems some time since I last wrote - but as letters could not go quicker than ourselves there was no object in writing on the ship - which is always a poor business however fine - when the writing room vibrates like the said place on the "Marama" - It seems rather difficult to know where to start - but I suppose Sydney - taking up the thread as it were - from the enclosed - which I started up in the Blue Mountains - We went down from Merton by a train getting away for Sydney about 11.30 on the 16th as the Marama was due to sail at 1.00 - but owing to a strike at the wharfs he did not get away until 9.00 pm. - & so had time to do a trip down to Port Jackson to Manly Beach - a favorite watering place (which we didn't think much of) & Baby & Anna also put in a long car ride - we had fair winds & moderate calm water to Brisbane - but had no luck there - as they had been flooded out in the town & there was too much water coming down the River for our ship to get up to the wharf & so as it meant a long trip in a small tender in pouring rain we stayed aboard - Some folk went ashore & had a miserable time - The first two days out from Brisbane were vile rough "screw" sea - though I didn't miss my grub - I was very sick twice though Hazel wasn't - Baby was sick too but recovered very quickly - I think it suited me as well - as I have never been so fit on a voyage before - weather improved though as we neared Fiji the temp. was running up 2 or 3 degrees ea. day. & we were getting a lot of tropical rain - we got into Fiji on the Monday aft. about 4.00 (23rd I think) in pouring rain - notwithstanding this the Morgans' new Plymouth friends met us & after paddling through much mud & a long wait for a flag of sorts we rose up to their house - we had tea & they insisted on our staying to dinner - the whole place was feeling uneasy, owing to a peculiar drop in the barometer - the like of which had not been seen for years & as they live in fear of hurricanes

everyone was busy barricading up their windows & generally
 strengthening up their houses. We were glad to think we were
 inside a strong harbour. - After tea I walked or rather
 paddled down to Govt House & called on the Mr. Thomas. - found
 Sir E. & Lady in T. in & had quite a long chat with them.
 - nice old boy & Lady in T. reminded me very much of present
 Lady Scott Moncrieff. - Sir E. was much interested in hearing
 of you etc. & told me he was afraid Harry Laurence sounded
 as if he was not doing very brilliantly. - Gov. House & garden
 absolutely beautiful & in fact all Fiji. - Sir E. also much
 worried over Bar. des. but said he doubted a proper
 hurricane as it was a few days over the hurricane season.
 - Had dinner with the Morgans & ~~later~~ later as one conveyance
 ordered at 7.45. did not turn up. - we paddled down to the ship
 the Morgans with ~~no~~ steamship rain & fresh breeze. - we had not
 been on board when the hurricane came along & I have never in
 my life seen anything in the way of wind to come near it. - people
 on the quay had tied down & hang on to the railway lines & ~~the~~
 everything movable was flying through the air. - the harbour & our
 position was something amazing.
 - Luckily the wind eased up in about 1/2 hour
 or the quay would have gone. As though no wonder
 the "Marama" was in a narrow stream we were
 bumping & grinding hard against it & it was
 beginning to go & then of course would
 have put the other steamer in to aid us
 also ashore. - As it was early morning
 showed us the large British India
 steamer ashore (3-4000 tons) also
 large coal hulk & a lot of small
 sailing boats - a few rows of
 trees down & houses numerous
 verandahs etc. & the whole
 place looking in a bad
 way. all the lovely vegetation so
 fearfully ravaged about. - we ought
 to have sailed the same evening
 - but waited until early morning. Thwart
 out to find a calm sea & it was lovely
 as the day went on passing through innumerable islands & reefs - but
 we should forget Fiji very quickly. - As we got up towards the line
 it was pretty hot but never unbearable owing to the trade winds
 - though it kept at about 85 - 87 in our cabin for a week or so. - we



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Reached Honolulu on a Monday. (date unknown). & got in there in the morning early. - we went ashore with 4 other folk who we liked - & combined in a carriage with them that a glorious drive & certainly I think Honolulu quite the prettiest place we have met in our journeying - most perfect flowers & vegetation & very pretty houses. & all looking well cared for & healthy - we ended our drive at a place called "Mauna" Hotel - Waikiki - a lovely little place on the sea about 4 or 5 miles out of town - we lunched there & after wards Hazel & Baby stumped & then we went down to see The Aquarium - like the Naples one but with the most marvellous coloured fish I have ever seen. it delighted Patrick & in fact us all. - Then we took the Car back to town - "Teed" at the Alexander Young Hotel - huge & most lavish American place. Then after shopping a bit Baby & Nana returned to the ship & we stayed & dined there with our friends of the drive - D. & Mrs. Read & D. & Mrs. O' - very nice folk & then back to "Mauna" - The last six days to Vancouver went like a flash. & though we have hardly ever been free from a good bit of either jiffing or rolling. we had all (except Nana) got our sea legs & didn't notice it - & the ship was really most comfortable - nice old Captain - very nice officers though too many passengers for comfort a lot of them very jolly - so we have got over this slice of the journey very well. - we are now in a new huge C.P.R. Hotel - quite the most "lavish" we have struck in our wanderings around the world. so of course everything except "terms" lovely. - Victoria is a delightful place & we are thinking of putting in two or 3 weeks here - but we are moving out of this - before - tomorrow - to another delightful hotel just out of town - & rather more in keeping with our humble cares. - we may stay a little longer - as we hear the spring is very late in Eastern Canada. - snow still over the fences in Quebec. & Toronto - bitter - - No very jolly to feel we are in a reasonable time now from home as regard letters & we got yours to the ship & also those awaiting us at

Vancouver arrived this morn'g. - Also at Fiji we got
a budget that has been following us round New Zealand
hired us there & picked us up at Fiji. & anything
in them requiring replying to - I will see to in my next.
in a day or so, when I have looked them over again. - Your
brother-in-law one - somehow must have missed us I am afraid
& I am awfully sorry to hear you have had a touch of Bronchitis
but I hope we shall hear in a few days that this is better.
- You could write to us to go. somewhere S. F. Toronto - where we
expect to be about the end of the 1st week in May. - (of Wallis
Cassels Esq. or rather I suppose. Mr. Justice Cassels Q.C. as he
has just lately been made a Judge.). - The spring flowers
here are lovely. Masses of Dark bluebells & all kinds of
bulbs & trees all breaking - nice after our tropical &
evergreen climes - I am so sorry about Regt
Boas. - will there be any chance of Boas. being up Quebec
way. or Halifax?

- Well I must stop now with heaps of love
from us all.

Your lov. son Harry.

P.S. I am sending The Key. - we have just
heard that Hamilton is leaving The Service - very sorry
but suppose they know their own affairs best...

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Woolston

(Thursday) May 14th 1908

My dearest - Hal

Your letter & Hazel's
of Easter Day - I ansd on
May 6th - & I have nothing
from you since, but in
case I don't write to Hazel
separately I have sent Anna's
Drep Skirt - off today & hope
that she will get it by the
same post as this, it is
addressed to Hazel with
"W-13" in the corner there
nothing in the parcel but
the Skirt - Also a Card
board box arrived on
Monday last - containing
4 very pretty Press Boxes
from Victoria - I've unpacked

put them on one side -
2 big & 2 little - & all
in perfect condition! the
the box was a bit - battered,
I suppose it's the work that
latter the place of Porcupine
quills & Moose hair?
I have a note - of a Nova
Scotian Budget - I posted
to you on Jan. 15th via Vancouver
to N. Z. Since then I
think I must have posted
to you a very friendly pleasant
letter from Mr. Horn - (uncle
of the "Defensive" - is ready
to work & will - us in
any way. Since then I have
had from him two Aunt-
Isabel - the letter from the
Swegor, Whitman, of which
I now enclose a copy. Also

L. Sturge's recent - Correspondence
with Mr. Jones & Co & my
letter to Mr. J. - Also their
two letters to me - of which
I have not kept - copies.
I expect you'll find that
pretty well all the land
has vanished some way
or another. But if there
is any thing left - that
can be of benefit - of the
poor ones out there - I'm
willing to expend say \$10
as L. Sturge has, to make it
salable for their benefit.
I won't spend Capital on it -
unless of some good to you
all, but a little out of my own
I'd be glad to do, if of any
good to them. I am sending

lets off by the mid day post-
tomorrow I was of its going
by this mail. The hearties
Maynards address in Ottawa
is 69 Cartier Street - .

I'm not getting good reports
of poor old Aunt - E. She
does not progress & her condition
is sad - & I feel I may have
to go off again any time.
I hope Auntie wants me to go
& look after her & her
while she goes to London
about 10 miles or so for
her house. I must
end with - lots of love
dears

Your ever loving
Mother

ansd
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Monday L 50/54
June 29th 08.

ST HILDA'S,
CASPEREAU.

My dear Mother.

I left Quebec last Wednesday
with Hazel & Patricia - Dropping them
at Cacoma I continued on down the
line getting in to Halifax about 6.30
(a journey of 25½ hours) & on Friday morning
I saw Mr. Innes & had a long talk with
them & finally arranged with them to
get a valuer of land & timber - (& they
proposed a man they knew well in the
lumber trade down Shelburne way. & who
I am sure from the correspondence they
showed me. would be satisfactory) to give
me an estimate to simply go through the
land in that district & value it - I
don't think there would be the smallest
difficulty in locating the large 5000
acre lot. They have an excellent plan
showing it clearly. also magnetic
directions of the boundaries - They thought
this should not cost more than £10 or £15
& if such is the case - I shall tell him
to see to it at once. as it's the only way
to find out anything - as to whether worth going

ahead or not. - Our only hope of it being valuable is
of fancy - though a large portion of the land being covered with
pulp wood - (i.e. small timber) and at present there is a
large demand for this for making paper. & good prices are
paid provided it is suitable wood & accessible - I don't
think from all a/c^s the land is of any value from a farming
point of view - except possibly the small portion round
Gunning Cove - & unless the large good acre lot is saleable
the smaller area would not (considering number of heirs) be worth
bothering about - I mean - would not pay for survey & settling
the question of Title - also I don't think any of the other grants
are worth bothering about at all - having been disposed of one
way or another through lapse of time - Mr. Innes thinks the
question of title is simply one of proving descent - as it has
never been disposed of by will. However there are one or two other
questions those to know more of in a day or so & will write
more fully later. - if no other result - it is most interesting
to me to hear so much of the family & their transactions & dealings
in the past - & but sad to see how the Wilkins family has
degenerated - I saw Mr. Linnicke from the train - but did not
stop as they are all away - but it's a perfectly beautiful
place & to my surprise looks thriving & well cared for &
I gather they have been doing very well with sales of timber
of which they have vast quantities. I wish you were out
here to potter about N.S. with me & I really think we ought to
do a trip over here in Aug. in these days of comfort & easy travel
across the Atlantic - I believe you would enjoy it hugely -
- Sadie's place is very pretty - but evidently up. Potatoes apples
have never paid. Though Rutherford has been 21 years at it here
& though I should say quite comfortably off - he works fearfully
hard & puts every spare penny into manures & tree washes
new trees etc - which is dull - but he is very optimistic & lives
in hopes of a great harvest someday. - The house is very nice
& comfy & well arranged. The three children the prettiest little
things No. 2. very like Rosie's Betty. & the little one the image of
the old painting of you - we used to call a pullet - a very casual

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household breakfast any
time when people happen to
collect - dinner waits till the
infants are all asleep, generally about
9.00 or later - Every sort of animal
feese - 30-40 turkeys & chickens, ducks
etc. 3 or 4 dogs. Several cats - 3 horses
sundry cows. & a donkey & there is
always a commotion with some of them
as the dogs eat a turkey or the chickens are
in the strawberbeds. & the old Turkey
cock is the terror of the place. However

the whole establishment seems to be a
very happy one. - Sadie looking a bit
nervously - but very nice & just the same
slow expressionless way of talking -

Rutherford tells me to tell you to use
Corpora V.1 & V.2 Sprays for your fruit
trees - & send you his respects & the
family in general send much love.

I am going into Windsor today with
Sadie to see the folk there & hope to
see the Hous tomorrow - Am afraid
I may not get to Shelburne as it takes
a month of Sundays. but shall see. but
also don't think I could assist much

ST HILDA'S.

GASPEREAU.

by looking at things there - but if
I find it necessary I will go

I shall cross from Digby to
St John's & get back via a place
called Moncton to Cacouna

- Sadie has some interesting old
portraits & letters etc

Love you. Lov. Son.

Harry.

I heard from Kingsford & think
his house will probably do us well.

From H. Longmore to his Mother. L 50/55
June 29th 1908. St. Hilda's, Gasperen
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don't pay - tho' he is very
optimistic. The house very nice
& well arranged - three pretty
little children - No. 2 very like
Rosie's Betty & the little one
the image of the old painting
of you! - Lots of animals - the
old Turkey Cock being the terror of the place!

However the whole establishment seems a very happy one. - Sabie looking a bit matronly but very nice. I am going in to Windsor today with Sabie to see the folk there & hope to see the Hows tomorrow. -

Continued,

Halifax. July 5th 1908.

- I have just got back here having been nearly all round N.S. I went from Windsor to Annapolis & stayed a night with the Hows. - Mr H. went with me to Shelburne - where I saw Mr White, Solicitor, & Mr Mackay Surveyor & valuer.

The property there is very different to what I imagined. I thought a good part of the "Gunning Cove" (572 acres) was meadow-land being farmed - It is nothing of the kind! - perhaps about

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2/ 10 acres has been "squatted" on
by fisher-folk - & this is in rough
grass, potatoes &c - but of no
real value & through lapse of
time we c^d. certainly have
no claim on this; the balance
of the property is nearly all
timber - mostly small & some
bog-land - (not much); the
Railway went through a
piece of it & the piece taken
was valued at \$25 - this was
all the compensation & can
be claimed by the heirs if
they want it. (The old
Wilkins-House was on
this property - of which
more later). - The big
5000 acre lot & lots adjoining
no one knows their value
or what's on them -
5000 acres roughly represents
about 10 square miles & as
the whole country around

is simply Forest-waste, no one
knows the exact location
of the lots except that the
road runs through one end
of it & all that part is
what they call "Meadow"
i.e. bog covered with
Fern & Coarse scrub grass
&c - of no present value
tho' it wd be if drained
- being then the best, in fact,
the only land worth
cultivating. I had a long
talk with the Surveyor
(very fine old man & I am
sure trustworthy) & to survey
& give estimate of valuation
marking boundaries &c
wd he says cost about
\$80 for the large lot & piece
adjoining & \$20 for the
Granny Cove "Lot" - I think
if we go on with the job at all

we should have this done ahonce
& I am sure, considering the
huge area, the estimate for this
is perfectly reasonable. —

I saw W White & had a long
talk with him (a very
fine old boy -) he was a
friend of the last Judge Wilkins
or rather as a young man
knew him well, & as a
descendant of an original
settler at Shelburne knows
all about the family, but
— like W How — knows no
more than I do of the
absolute value of the property
as no one has ever been
over it, but they all agree
that the only way to settle
it up is to have the valuation
made. W White does not
think there will be much
trouble as to Title — this being
very seldom questioned in
direct deals.

But when we know (or before?) if worth
going on with it wd be as well
to see if we c'd. raise up any
wills effecting it, but I don't
think we shd. find any, as it
is only lately the timber
has become valuable & in
older times it has no value
& was so considered by the family
down to & including Canon
Maynard. But of course the
present generation here have
no go or energy or money to
act with, tho' they have ^{had} an
idea that possible it was of
value. As regards figures

I don't think if moderately well
timbered (softwood-fir, Pines,
it wd fetch more than \$1 an acre
but probable that a good park
would fetch this. - prices for
wood-land seem to range from
1 - 3 dollars according to acceptability
of quality of wood - & these
taken, say, 4000 acres at \$1
(round figures £800) deducting

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3 (day) £100 for expenses. (This
shd be well the outside I think
there wd be £700 to be divided on
about £116 to each branch of
the family this wd not be worth
own bothering about as your
share wd be only about £19 or so
but it seems to me some
arrangt. shd be come to by wh.
the poor members of the family
out here shd. benefit, and
certainly the Wilkins & Maynes
in Windsor & any of the family
in Picton need it greatly. -

I shd of course if this
(fish acreage) was proved to
be of any value the other
Wilkins lands shd be treated
in like manner. The Wilkins
property at Windsor is probably
in tact. I suppose fair timber
on it & being (I imagine) close
to a railway might be of some
value. Then the large area at

Digby "St. Mary's Bay" may still
be largely in fact. -

W How's position — to begin with
I don't think the "deeds" which
Cadie & others signed are worth
anything tho' they were
certainly to the effect that
their interest was handed
over absolutely to W How.
These papers were certainly
used by W How to keep
people ~~off~~ from further
trespass & "squating" on
the property — with probably
some good effect (so far well -)
but I don't think he ever
made any claim for more
than the $1/6^{\text{th}}$ share in the
property. I fear from their
mode of living at Amnapolis
that they are pretty hard up.
but I fancy he is a clever
little man & very energetic.

& has been much annoyed by
the apathy of the family
out here. — but of course there
is no one out here to pay any
— evidently while Vicar of
Shelborne How was much
beloved & on going there this
time with me every one
welcomed him effusively
& genuinely. —
So much for affairs as they
now stand. The site of the
^{old} ~~old~~ Wilkins House known
as "Wilkins' Folly" is a lovely
place at Gunning Cove —
with perfect view — &
the old man was no fool
when he chose it; the present
house on the site is just
a small cottage & the only
Wilkins' remains is a deep
canal he was digging to
drain some marshland
behind the House, — now finished.

two 'I believe he had about 100 Slaves
at work there! His son the
first Judge (I?) lived at a House
still standing & used as a
Hotel in Shelburne. Known as
the "Nutter House" as they say
he married a Miss Nutter.

The Nutters had a mortgage
on the Wilkins property but
this & the family of Nutter
are extinct. Old Isaac
his son the 1st Judge &
Judge No 2 - were all great
sportsmen & tradition says
the old House at Gunninglove
was filled with skins & trophies
& was commonly called "Skunk
Hall".

This seems looking it over a
fearful scribble but I think
states the present position
fairly - of course there may be
no worth in the property &
in that case the sale wd no
more than cover expenses but
at least I think it wd do that. —
H don't more

From H. Longmore to his mother -
48 Rue des Carrières, Quebec. L. 50/56

"I think I last wrote fr. Ottawa
- we had a very jolly week
there & I saw the Maynards
& liked them very much
- both W. & W. & the son
in the 52^d. He does not seem
to know much of N. Scotian
affairs - but evidently
quite keen to help to settle
things & to assist with share,
on expenses if necessary.
I shall be writing to him
about it - I did not see
much of them as there
was such a lot going on
Dinner. Teas - & people,
& we drove about a good
bit to see things - we
only stayed ~~one~~ ^{a couple of} nights at
Montreal & were busy seeing

all the time. we dined one
night with Hazel's aunt
Lady Drummond - they
have the most lovely place
& the best collection of
pictures in Canada. &
she is delightful - ~~too~~
Montreal a lovely place.
Hazel was been to get
to Quebec so we came
on here about a week
ago - & certainly Quebec
is all that it is
painted on the way of
beauty & I wish you could
see it. I am sure you
would love Canada & I
think you ought to come
over with us another year.

lots of Hazel's relations
were - who think nothing
of the trip - Mrs Hamilton
arrived here for England
to night & when she comes
we will settle our
movements as to when
I go to N. Scotia &c.

This House (rue de l'ancien
is in the most perfect
situation imaginable
- up on the Terrace
& with a view I can't
leave! - of course a
lovely House too; as
dollars are plentiful,
- but absolutely
simple & plain. Like all
the Hamilton family, no

ostentation but solid
comfort - - Quebec
swarms with relations
& really they are all
nice & so cheery & jolly
one does not wonder
that Hazel loves this
side! must stop
I will try & write a
decent letter soon
with heaps of love
Y^r loving Harry

Recd July 20th



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July 5th 08.

My dear Mother

I have just got back here having been nearly all round N.S. - after leaving Ladbroke I went on to Mr. How - found him quite friendly & pleasant - stayed one night there & after talking to him concerning Shelburne - came to the conclusion that the only thing to do was to go down there & as Mr. H. knew the place well - I took him too - (it is an awful place to get at) & also made appointments with Mr. White (Solicitor) & Mr. Mackay (Surveyor & Valuer) - The property down there is very different to my idea of it - To begin with I thought a good part of the farming land (5-72 acres) was meadow land being farmed - it's nothing of the kind - perhaps at the outside 10 acres has been squatted on by fisher folk & this is in rough grass. potatoes etc but of no real value & through lapse of time - we could certainly have no claim on this - The balance of the property is nearly all timber - mostly fairly small & some bogland (not much) - The railway went through a piece of it & this piece ^{taken} has been valued at £25 & this is all the compensation I can be claimed by the heirs (if they want it) - { The old Wilkins' house was on this property of which more later } - The big 5000 acre lot & lots adjoining - no one knows their value or what's on them - You see - 6000 acres roughly represents about 10 square miles

as the whole country around is simply forest waste
no one knows the exact location of this lot
except that the road runs through one end of it &
all that part is what they call meadow here
i. e. bog covered with fern & scrub coarse grass etc.
of no present value - though it would be if drained being
then the best, in fact, the only land worth cultivating
- I had a long talk with the surveyor (very fine old
man & I am sure trustworthy) - & to survey & run a line
round & mark boundaries) & give estimate of valuation
he says would cost \$80 for the large lot & piece
adjoining & \$20 for the farming core lot. - I think
if we go on with the job at all - we should have
this done at once - as the only means of getting
ahead - & I am sure considering the huge area the
estimate for this is perfectly reasonable. - I saw
Mr. White & had long talk with him (think him very fine old
boy) he was a friend of the last Judge Perkins - or rather
as a young man knew him well. & as a descendant of
an original settler at Shelburne - knows all about the
family - but like Mr. How - knows no more than I do
of the absolute value of the property - as no one has
ever been over it - but they all agree that the only
way to settle it up is to have the valuation made.
- Mr. White does not think there would be much trouble
as to title - this being very seldom questioned in such
deals - but when we know (or hope) of worth going on with



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it would be as well to see if we could rake up
any wills effecting it - but I don't think we should
find any - as it's only lately the timber has become
of value - & in older ~~times~~ times it had no value.
I was so considered by the family down to & including
Canon Maynard - but of course - the present generation
here have no go or energy or money to act with -
but at the same time have had an idea that poss.
it was of value - as regards figures - I don't
think if moderately well timbered - (soft woods pine
fir etc) it would fetch more than £1. an acre -
but I think it probable that a good part would
fetch this - prices for wood land seem to range from
1 - 3 dollars. according to accessibility & quality
of wood & then for taking say 4000 acres @ 1 =
round figure £800 - deducting say £100 for expenses.
(this should be well the outside I should say.)
There would be £700 to be divided - or about £116 to
each branch of family this would not be worth our
while bothering about - as your share would only be about
£19. or so - but it seems to me some arrangement could be
come to by which the poor members of the family should
benefit - & certainly the Wilkins & Maynards in Wincor
& the family remains in Beeton - need it much.
Then of course if this was proved to be of any value
the other Wilkins lands could be treated in like manner

the Wilkins property at Windsor is probably intact
& possibly fair timber land & being (I imagine) close
to railway might be some value - then the large area
at Ditch - St Marys' Bay - may still be largely intact.
- W. Hows position - to begin with - I don't think the
deeds which Sadie &c signed are worth anything - though
they were certainly to the effect that their interest was
handed over absolutely to W. How. - These papers were
certainly used by W. How to keep people from further
trespass & squatting etc on the property - with probably some
good effect - Then, W. How said to me & again in W.
Whites presence that they considered that W. How had
no interest beyond her sisters. & in any case
his letter to J. G. - would according to McJames &c - upset
any claim they might have for more than the $\frac{1}{6}$ share
in the property - also I don't think he would now
- wish it - whatever hope or idea he may have had
in the past. The Hows I should say - must be from
their mode of living pretty hard up - but I fancy he is
a pretty clever little man & very energetic. & has been much
annoyed by the apathy of the family out here. & also
has undoubtedly had his back put up by the whole
crowd - who have been for many years thinking he
has been reaping some benefit from the property - I must
say I cannot see myself how he can have got any
thing out of it & I don't believe he has - as I can't see
who there is to pay anything - I shall write something of



This kind to Sadie - As things I don't much admire the
 little man - I don't think he is at all lost or less doing the
 family in the eye as they imagine - & so it may smooth
 down some family ill feeling - evidently white Vicar
 of Shelburne he was much beloved & on going back this
 time with me - everyone welcomed him effusively
 & fondly. - So much for affairs as they now
 stand. The site of the old Isaac Wilkins house
 known as Wilkins folly is a lovely place at Fanning
 Cove with perfect view & the old man was no fool
 when he chose it. The present house on the site is just
 a small cottage. & the only Wilkins remains are a
 deep canal he was digging to drain some marshland
 away behind the house - This wasn't finished - I believe
 he has about 100 slaves at work there - His son the
 1st Judge lives at a house still standing & used
 as a hotel in Shelburne - known as the Nutter
 house & they say married a Miss Nutter. - The Nutters
 had a mortgage on the Wilkins property - but this & the
 family of Nutter are extinct. - Old Isaac - his
 son the 1st Judge & Judge No. 2 - were all great opotomes.
 Tradition says the old house was at Fanning Cove - was
 filled with skins & trophies & was commonly called
 "Skunk Hall" - You might send this or jot it with conveying
 it to the family - & get their opinion - so that we could
 act immediately I get home. - Return to Cacoma
 tomorrow - having been in N.S. a fortnight - much longer

that I wanted to be away - but all these places are
impossible to get to & trains fearfully slow.

ever yours lov. son.

Harry

P.S. This seems to me on looking it over
a fearful scribble but I think states the present position
fairly - Of course there may not be worth (trouble) anything
on the property & in that case the sale would probably
no more than cover ex.s. - but at least - I think it would
do this. H.B.

In 1907. Hazel & I stayed in Toronto with
her Uncle & Aunt - Judge Cassels. (Uncle Walter)
& Hazel's Aunt (Lurie Carrels) - He was
connected with the one William & Mcnab relations
of Nova Scotia & also knew Uncle Charles when
quarried in Canada & met their Uncle when
they were out there in the Trent & Denison River
affair - delightful family - eldest girl Kathleen
stayed with us at Kingston. There she had
appendicitis & her parents came over. - The
youngest sister (Jennie) married her cousin Eric
Hamilton - who became Dean of Windsor - She
now living in London since his death -
- Kathleen married (Gordon) & their son
now 1965 - Canadian Minister of Finance -
- Another niece of Eric Hamilton is the
Wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury - Ramsey;

H.F.L. 1965

Letter from M.F.L. to N.Z.
Hazel (my wife) from N.Z.
Francis Egypt
H.M.
Sunday

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OVERSTEPS,
KINGSWEAR,
S. DEVON.

My dear Mother,

I am glad to say
that our patient has prac.
recovered & is beginning
to get about again - &
expect she & her mother will
leave us at the end of the
week - Mr. Cassels left
yesterday - such a nice man
a barrister & a K.C. by
trade - His mother was
a machab. a poor Sarah
& he says he believes
connected with the Wilkins
folk - He has just gone

up to Inverness to stay
with some old Sisters of
his mother - who were
brought up & lived in
Nova Scotia & he is going
to ask them about every
one. - Likewise he knew
Uncle C. well when with
the 30th in Canada. he
was acting A.D.C. to some
Gen. Skitter - I think the
name was - & he said
Uncle C. was constantly
at their house in Toronto.

He told me - which I
didn't know - that it
was Uncle C.
married Aunt B. - much
to the surprise & grief of
all of them in Toronto. - She
has two old Sisters living
there still. - He also
fought as a militia man in
the Trent & Fenian
Frontiers. - Another
peculiar thing is that
his niece a Miss Cassels
married Major Moncrief.
- The one - if you remember
that was staying at
Sir John's while her

husband was in S. Africa
- when you were likewise
there - I must say
Hazel's Canadian folk.
The Hamiltons & Cassels
are most awfully nice
& it makes one feel
that a trip to Canada
one of these days will
be simply delightful -
- W.C. read Sam Fathers
book - with much interest
- Hazel is pretty fit & wishes
me to tell you that she
will one of these days write
you a decent letter again.
- but lately she has been
too busy mowing & scrubbing
to Nathaniel's folk,

Write your
send on the
prescription for
the oto-brom powder
we think a few might be
My dear Mother.

Telegrams, Calbourne.

Who has been having a
variety of small ulcers in
her mouth - but other
things.

L. 50/59
Sunday.
Old Vicarage,
Shalfleet,
Yarmouth,
I.W.

To begin with I am "blowed"
if I know the best procedure - as
regards N.S. - The "Rev. How" is of
course a humbug & pretty hopeless.
How would it be to write to the
Hon. N.W. White? The Shelbourne solicits
who I saw. I ask his opinion on
the whole question & let him find
out the amount of taxation & take
his advice as to whether it is worth
paying it. I enclose what I
think might be worth writing both
to him & to How - I am glad to
hear the Rutherfords are coming over.
As to your coming down here if
the same way, next week
will suit us better than this.

It would be inclined to tell Mr. How that we are
making enquiries concerning the taxation - but not tell him
who from.

we had rather thought from your
letter you weren't keen on coming
just now (unless you were really
wanted) & consequently we
have started a job which we
hadn't bargained for - i.e. the polishing
of all our cork coat carpet - which wasn't
supposed to be polished - but we find
it awful, shows every mark & won't
clean - so we decide to put a
polish on it & it means several
days work for a man. - Then
Hazel's very last M^{rs} Ball has
just fallen out & another both
fine wrong. & we have decided
we must go over to the Southsea
man at once. & as it means

a night there. & we can't for till
Thursday Morning. This week is
getting pretty full up. - Another
thing is we would like to get one
or two more things for the spare room
which we could do at Southsea
- So that if it makes no odds
to you come as early as you
like this next week - but we
are managing pretty well.
- so don't feel it necessary to
come - but naturally we shall
love to have you & want you
to see this estate. - The throat
remains pretty much the same.
- I think possibly a little later
on we shall have to get off by
ourselves for a short time & try
& rest the vocal chords. - H.
doesn't like to leave Pat just
now as the new maid only came

last night I miss Edwards doesn't
look after her or know their
ways. She is very nice & nice
in the house but a rather
vague sort of person. - Then it's
fiddling having a cook who might
be on the "list" or something of the
kind. - We have got an
immense crop of apples & can
supply you with several varieties
- When you come - The basket
we should be rather flat of back
- unless you fancy it. - When I can
get another locally - we have
just bought a piano so that Pat
will be able to start properly
- Much love from us all

R. Yours for ever Harry

I expect you are glad the Congress
has finished - it was lucky being able
to fit in the blackberry jam making.