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My own dear lassie

I am so sorry you have a cold and I do hope it will not be a bad one, but I am not worrying. Take care of your dear self for you are very precious. Your letters have just come as I was writing the p.c. & I rushed with it to the post & gave it to the man. It was 6<sup>o</sup> & he said it was supposed to be cleared at 5.15 but that there was a later clearance but he didn't say when. It isn't fair to clear it just at any time of day.

I am so glad you got a goal on Sat<sup>r</sup>. I hope it has backed you up, it should do. I am glad too that dear Ol is able to play & enjoys the exercise. I am glad she got just a little skating & that the pond ice didn't give way. There seem to have been some accidents. I saw some on the White Knight's lake or stream beyond the bridge. What a sporty lass you are. How much did you give for Nanse's letter? I wonder whether your signature will sometime be worth money! I am so glad you saw Miss Hartley & had a good time at Woodbrook. It is awfully nice that you go there some times. I hope you had a good time with Vera. Is the incubation period over for mumps yet?  
Never mind if you don't get the Tuesday - we will have just a glorious weekend. But even now there may be a national holiday so we would give up hope.

It is a week since Friday now. How lovely!

The unemployed Com.<sup>tee</sup> has sent me a request that I will address them in the Corn Exchange some morning. It was quite a courteous note & I replied that if they would give me several dates to choose from I would agree to go if I was free. This morning I have had such a nice note from the secretary giving me dates & I have agreed to go next Monday morning - at 11 o'clock. I had told him that if I went I should expect a courteous hearing & he replies "The Com.<sup>tee</sup> have instructed me to assure you that you shall have a fair & just hearing & they have pledged me that they will take every precaution that you have it. I wish to express my deep admiration of your courage in agreeing to come & give us your views on this subject & to assure you that I stand for fair play every time." Wasn't it nice. They have sent a letter round to every Guardian who voted for my resolution but I don't think anyone else has agreed to go.

It was an employment, I was speaking on at Church St. & I am to speak on it again next Sunday morning. It will be good practice for the following day. I think it will be a very interesting & sporting time. I shall let the police know that I am doing it but I don't anticipate trouble. I have promised them I will try to answer questions - Shan't I be heckled! There is quite a little account of what I said at the Council in the Sat<sup>dy</sup> paper. Ray has been very good