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Adel Grange -

21. Dec: 1921

Dearest Agnes & Billie & Philippa

How good you are  
to send us this lovely letter,  
It made me all lumpy  
inside me, it was so kind &  
so sympathetic. I wish we  
had moved! The new house  
isn't ready yet but we begin  
really to move furniture there  
early in January. We are  
now cataloguing books for sale  
& writing to book sellers - &

also to the Nat: Portrait  
Gallery about the big  
portrait we have here of  
Robert Carr - in case they  
might like it - so we are  
busy & tired - It is ~~also~~ so  
for we are so tired of all  
the turning <sup>out</sup> of drawers &  
reading old letters, that our  
one desire is to be away  
in the Wilsons -  
Adel Wilsons' beds will be ours

address them - But Adel  
only always finds us -  
The new man's garden is  
doing the garden & the greenhouse,  
so we aren't really here!!

The you say is so lovely I  
cannot answer it - I can  
only thank you & love you  
more than ever.

It is wonderful how kind  
everyone is - we have had  
letters of regret - & thanks! - from  
so many people - This is good

of people for any small help  
we may have been to anyone  
or, more than us, what our  
mother did, was pure enjoyment  
to us - we delighted in  
having such nice people here -  
others who weren't nice  
are an endless source of  
amusement to us. It has  
been such a nice life for  
us - I feel somehow  
grateful to the dear home -  
we are taking Agnes' fire

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quite but also, be careful  
take the mental shelf - there  
is no place for it -

Please dear Nelli please  
dear Agnes, come see us  
there - let's start be  
really respectable - ~~being~~ here  
for a couple of months -  
masses of debris fill the  
garden stile -  
- what a lovely book  
your travel book is, I couldn't

stop reading it & set over  
the drawing room fire reading  
it straight through one  
afternoon - I felt there in  
the very place the whole  
time & it was so restful  
refreshing - as if too  
long journeying with you -  
Thank you for it so much -

With much love to you  
all & my loving wishes

Yours faithfully

Isabella O'Neil.