

him) with Chinese
Lentens !!!!!!



Every body
is very excited
about it, & acceptance
are pouring in !!!
With friend love
to all
ever yr. affect

DINAPORE R.S.
E. I. R.

Daughter Marjant
W.

Shackley

31-3-04.

help
is very
for just
now

4671

My dearest Mama,

I feel I must catch this
mail somehow or other, thought it's
rather desperate work! The heat
has come down on us without any
warning, & so suddenly. For the
last fortnight we've had every
window & door shut at 9.0'clock
& not opened until six in the
evening, & every body remarks how
beautifully cool our house is. We
have Pankaks going by day but
haven't started using them for
night yet. I do not mind
the heat at all, & always



keep fit & well in it as long as I can get exercise. But poor little baby is feeling it terribly all his colour has gone & he is so thin we can't get him to eat anything, he drinks all day! But in spite of it all he is so bright & jolly & as full of wickedness as ever!

He gave us rather a fright the other day by getting a most croaky cough. I think it must have been either the Parkale or the new tooth he is just cutting.

Ralph is very tiresome, I've done my utmost to try & persuade

him to let nurse & baby go up without me, & a friend of mine who is going up to the same boarding house, & who offered to look after them the whole way, begged him too & he refused. Of course I know he is doing it for baby's sake but it does seem such a pity. There is really no need for me to go I'm perfectly well again now, & nurse is so thoroughly trustworthy & so devoted to the baby, that I should feel quite happy about him. I have taken rooms half way up Langour, which is a 1000 ft. higher than Messonia but of course it has this disadvantage that it is 2 miles

from the Charleville where all the
fun takes place, + which is of course
the end to go to. However if I
had gone there I could not have taken
nurse, it would have been too expensive
& so I decided to go to a cheaper
place & keep her, I have never had
a nurse like her, & baby is such
a handful now that I really
don't think I could cope with him
unaided. And then I hope to
get Ralph to let me come down
in the train for a couple of
months, which I could not do if
I let nurse go. I am giving a
huge moonlight "At Home" on
Easter Monday to about 50 people
we intend having games & dancing
to the phonograph on the lawns
& Refreshments on a huge Dhurree
under the trees which are to be

To Pippa 2. 4671

P. S. Ralph's new gold spectacles were left behind when we left England, in Lancaster Gate house, & Ralph says that about that time Pippa saw Mama put away some gold glasses thinking they were his Granma's. Do you think they could possibly have been Ralph's? He had never worn them.

• we have both of us
always forgotten to
write • ask for them.

Goodbye

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