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Allerswood

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Dear Pippa,

I hope you are quite well. I hear you are going to give Marjorie her lessons. I hope you will enjoy doing so. I do not yet know which French class I am in as I am on trial with the 2nd as well as the 1st. I have been put into the 3rd class for

German with a dame called M^{lle} Neumeister, the German governess. The French governess is called M^{lle} Rodet; they are both rather quaint but I like M^{lle} N. the best. I have had a drawing-lesson with M^r Moore the drawing-master; it was rather slow; I am doing a cast of a leaf  which is most elegant especially as

copied by me. I have not yet
had any fines to pay but as
the tidy room girl has not
come back I can't tell yet
whether I am tidy or not.

Rather an amusing thing
occurred yesterday. One of
the girls said to another:

"I suppose you know there's
a sonnet to learn for Miss
Strachey; so she said "Oh
bother is it long?" whereupon

everyone was down upon her
at once "I say what would
Miss Strachey say if she
heard you; she'd give it
you," & so on until the
unfortunate girl didn't
know what to do.

Did Dorothy tell ~~of~~ you
about that lovely dream
Miss Souvestre told us on
Friday at lunch? If not
you must make her because

it is too fascinating. M^{lle}
Souvestre is generally awfully
amusing at tea. Last
night we had sort of shadow
scenes in the schoolroom.
The first was the statue
of Bismarck because one
day at tea M^{lle} Souvestre
~~had~~ remarked that when
she was in Berlin she
saw a statue of Bismarck
& she was much surprised

to see, that in proportion was the story of the Mistletoe
to his big head & enormous Bough. We also had the Jabber-
shoulders, his hands & feet were so small. I was Bis-
were so small. I was Bis-
march in my sailor coat & Areas flying from Troy & the
Ella Corry's riding trousers Rape of Helen.
& a billicock hat. We then The Easter Holidays begin on
had little Red Riding Hood the 10th of April I think,
with Orovida as little R.R. & the exeat will be
Maggie Beale as the Wolf about the 27th of February.
& Edith Gwythers as the I hope the children's play
hunter. The next thing will go off well; I am sure

it will look sweet. Please
give my love to the family
& thank ~~the~~ Mamma for
her letter. I am reading
"La Petite Fadette"; I like
it very much. Please ex-
cuse blots, also curiosities
on the first page

Goodbye
yrs loving
Pernel.