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My dearest Philippine.

I wrote to you some days ago but Mamma thought I had better not send the letter as we did not know where you were. I daresay you may have changed your plans on account of the weather; I am sure I hope you will not "come home slowly" as Cousin Minnie said you would. Whatever happens do not get a rheumatic neck, for God his sake. Nearly all the holidays Mamma has been laid up with a very

bad cold. She is now better,
but as weak as a rat. On
Saturday she decided to go
to Bournemouth ^{on Monday} with Kate & me
& actually wrote for the forms.
However on Sunday morning she
awoke with a violent attack of
toothache so she decided to
go to the dentist on Monday &
if he would let her, to Bourn-
mouth on Tuesday. This morning
there were such accounts of
the snow-storms in Dorsetshire
that she has given up the
idea of going for the present at
any rate. It snowed here pretty
hard this morning but is now

thawing rapidly. On Thursday last
Grandpapa's funeral took place.
Uncle George, Sidney Story & White
went up with the coffin. The
Sheriff, Colin & Charlie were there,
Clary came over a Rose of Kilra-
vock. Apparently the weather was
beautiful; old Peter Blair, Willie
Blair of the saw mill's uncle & the
oldest tenant on the place went.
Also Mary Cameron followed the
coffin which is a very unusual thing
for a woman to do. The grave was
all lined with spruce fir & there
was a large wreath of spruce sent
from the House gardens. We all sent
a wreath & so did Eliza's children.
On Saturday morning Uncle George

came back. He stayed here till this morning. Last night Miss & Gem came to dinner. I think the little boys are coming to join Gembean's class with Hilda; the children come up from Plymouth on Wednesday. I am very glad you will be back before I go though it is only a day! I think I have told you all the news. Give my love to the Eltons

Ever yr
loving
Pencee.

Please excuse this
dog like letter but it is in a great
hurry to catch the post.