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My dear Poppy

I wish I had more of a talk
with you before I went. I must try & write some
of it. You see one can't tell nowadays what may
happen to one and though I'm not really apprehensive
the thought of the children worries me. I do want to job
them through the next few years very quietly & happily &
I think it'll be jolly hard to do it. They'll both
want a lot of sympathy & help & advice in their troubles
& I think you'd give them more of that than anyone
except perhaps Marjory. So I would like you to feel
that if anything happened to me you had a right to do
what you liked & could in that way so far as my
work is concerned. I think that if you got into
touch with Marjory you'd be able to do a lot. She
herself is too touchingly loyal to the family it's just
almost impossible to her not to give way all as work
to herself and some cost to others to the appeal of
the family though she means as well as anyone what
it land me in.

I think there would be a great attempt made to save their souls to dry up their lives and make them into something very much smaller and more conventional and insignificant than they naturally also be: and I would want that stopped at all costs. They are such splendid creatures that one can't have them wasted. Joan I know would mean well but her limitations will tell more & more - they are mainly intellectual she has a great fund of loyalty & generosity. Madame Savary would be another almost entirely good influence in them too.

I know you will mind my saying all this as you because I do always believe absolutely what you told me about your big desire to give me any kind of help & strength I need and it's worth anything to me to know that.

This will be all well yet & rather dread the enormous journey (36 hours I think) but I do say it'll really do me good.

Miss Courtney's lady - see her studies if a piece of hers isn't there so I shall perhaps go there. It might be rather amusing.

Goodbye my dear Please be still at
Dorchester when I come back. Bless you.
Yrs. Roger.

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