

La Souco

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Dearest Pippa

Thank you very much for the cheque for £100 and the account of the sale, received safely this morning.

I should prefer to have the rest of the money sent as we think it more advantageous to us (living in France) & quite as patriotic to invest in the French loan, which gives nominally 5% - but it comes to a little more than 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % ^{at purchase price of 88} - and is exempt from income tax - As we are leaving here however this day

week, don't do anything till I let you know our new address. Another reason for having the money over here and as soon as possible is the immense profit on French exchange as at present arranged - which however is a ticklish and incomprehensible (to me) business and may alter at any moment.

I am sorry my purchase instructions gave trouble. I had meant £5 gross i.e. £2.10 cash from me. but don't at all object - on the contrary shall be delighted to ~~have~~ ^{spend} more & have more books - if ~~the exchange~~ more have been bought with a view to me - virtue being safe - and conscience saved by my economical in-

tentions I shall be only too happy to profit by an error. What about Teddy & The Fowler? Have you sent it to him? Of course I am quite willing to do what you & Sotheby's think best about the books left over. I feel every confidence that all has been and will be done as profitably as possible. I should like very much to hear what books you & the family have bought.

It is a great mercy to hear that your health really seems to be improving. I was extremely agitated at seeing Andrew's name in the list of wounded & am greatly relieved by the telegram received this morning. Poor Lina Arbuthnot - how wretched for her. I had hoped that he was safe as his name wasn't mentioned in the first ^{communiqué} accounts in the French papers. That first ~~telegram~~ ^{communiqué} about the

(without one word of comment in the French paper)
battle was so awful - that I nearly went
off my head. and it is very difficult to
forgive the authorities for their brutality.
However I admit - it's better than the
German plan of lying for military reasons.

We are all very well here and have
begun preparations for departure - It is
still quite cool, in fact I expect we shall
be frozen when we arrive in the hills -
However we are all thirsting for change -
I wrote and begged Pernel & the family
to join the party & take a neighbouring
chalet - but have had no answer.

The Vandens are rather melancholious
& rather crochy. I think a change will do
them good too. We very often remember the
days of last year when you & Roger
enlivened us so - Give him our love -
^{& talk of}

Fondest love from

Your Dorothy

Love to Mama. Is she typing? If so will you ask her from
me to type out Barbier's L'Idole. I want to teach it to the chil-
dren & haven't got the book.