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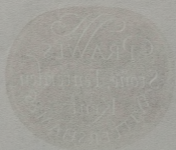


Christmas Day

My dear Pippa

Pernel's death will be a great sorrow to you and will bring sadness to many, for in spite of her shyness she had an enormous acquaintance and a very large number of devoted friends. I shall always count myself one of the latter, and I shall remember the many visits to her rooms at Newnham and to concerts with her at Cambridge. We used when alone to play duets, neither very well, and we would compete for the obscurity of the loss. The famous short-sighted glance with her chin forward would reveal to her the key sometimes after some bars had been played, and she would say "B flat, I see". She was a delightful companion at a concert, very knowledgeable and appreciative, and we must have gone to dozens together, sometimes suffering.

The music, the wit which played round everything we did or spoke of, the passion for the French (which with me enlarged and deepened the good work by the books had begun)



the interest in human things and the deep sympathy with all ones own problems, these are the things I shall remember with affection and gratitude.

What a family yours is and how much gaiety it has given

Yours affectionately

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