

[1921]

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Nov 10th -

My dear Mr. Becker

Before turning your much appreciated
long letter I want to answer one or two things, the
in that Alice from a child was considered an
"odd child" & I suppose grew out of it, for
when she is & I was visiting in Lancashire
was spoken of as a very pretty girl, then again
Mr. Crompton had had a great shock
just before she was engaged. Jim's (a brother)
was ^{came} ~~came~~ ^{richer} ~~richer~~ ^{at} ~~at~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{house} ~~house~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{Altham} ~~Altham
a "dystonia" (the story goes) & woke Mr. Crompton
by saying "Jim is dead, he was found in
that ditch over on the turnpike road. They
say Mr. C was suffering from that when
she was married & although there plenty
of money, was never spoken of a good home before
all this was told me for I was a child when
the Mrs. ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{married} ~~married~~, but if I were you I
certainly should not go to stay with her.~~~~

spring, & I only wonder how you could put
up with it although it is really ~~put up~~
with it, amusing to read. But when she
wrote that last letter about dear Alfred which
I was forwarded to Bella Cherrishaw, she
said "Aunt Eric must be your constant
Care" I thought many things, I can quite
understand your coming home by your own
means its very occupation with letters with
you ^{will} make you cling to it intense - Congraty
Lover on his ~~the~~ daughter. He & you sent
me such a nice kind letter & such messages
in the future, that it made ^{me feel} how good it was
to be able ^{to} be allowed to speak openly. I
can't also spend it not on a holiday in
any way I want to know that the going
away being impossible then it is to
wait away for the inside of a week. I expect
to get to Plymouth to see a brother & sister
for a day giving her fare 10/- and with
the Unmarried I am paying for a ton
of coal for the weather ^{1 Coal here are} ~~very~~
^{highly} dear of late long for north country prices
I will only allow me to talk a quarter of a mile

I am not quite sure footed yet, but he says I shall be quite right in time. I expect the server in some ways - I have helped in raising of tents would make an immense difference ^{for me} in results. I was delighted in March to be able to tell him & although it is not quite to the full, still with the exception of the Dec is steadily improving

	1920	1921
Dec	43.4-0	Dec 69.19-8
June	19.4-0	June 56.15
Sep	38-9-4	Sep 9-9
Dec	3-10-3	Dec -
about	04.8-3	Dec
last	27-17-8	
	132.5-11	

Income Tax Oct 1. 29-97

I have plenty in the bank. but I shall not forget - Dec 15 19. When you & helped come forward 20 q. or early - ^{no} will love ^{no} affect. Pence - 7.0

I thought you might like to tell
Drew indeed I think he ought to know
for the future. Before Katie died the income
was nearly £300. I wonder what it will
get to again. I send a tin of jam in 2 jars | Kitchen & living
room | & Edith gives hot bottles for night. but
I don't remember it colder for twenty years