

address for future to
Barclays Bank
Cairo

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My beloved Pippa

It was very nice getting your letter. I know it is impossible to say anything real. Everything I write (I have written it seems to me to dozens) seems to have no connection with anything. It can't be helped. I liked Virginia's article ~~very~~ much and have written her a line to say so. I am very glad you are having it re-printed. There are several people I wanted to show it to and I was going to ask you to get me some copies. I am very glad too to hear that that poor little John wrote you a nice letter and that he is better.

About coming home this summer, I feel as if I simply couldn't bear not to, whatever happens. We all, Simon + Janie too, want to see you so very much. And Gordon Square too. I should like to see it again, however painful. As to money, we calculate that unless any

thing very unforeseen happens, we shall be able to finish our journey all right even without the allowance. And after that we must see what turns up about the summer expenses. Let us know as near as you can what they are likely to be, and then we will cut our cloths etc. But in any case, if you can manage to keep the house on without ruin, you can count upon us coming to share and arriving about the beginning of June. We reach Marseilles on May 2nd (D.V.) and then Simon wants to have about a month at La Souco to frame and put in order his pastels.

We hope very much that the Bird Exhibition will bring in something.

I am glad you had a comfortable rest at Lytton's. The cold sounds awful. It is piercingly cold here in the nights and early mornings and the hotel is not heated & has no fireplaces, so every body wears their fur coats for dinner (I am thankful to have mine!) but directly one gets into the sun in the morning it is heavenly - not a breath stirring and the colours of everything too extra-ordinary for words. We are all very well & Janie

had some sort of attack - not chest - so I didn't much mind - at Christmas time & was a week in bed, but is now quite well, in fact particularly ^{hale} ~~well~~ & hearty. If it weren't for Eastern dirt - anxiety about water - & rather inferior food, the life & the climate would be exceedingly healthy. We are out all day & take a great deal of exercise - what with riding ~~down~~ ^{down} hills, walking, visiting ruins & climbing up & down infinite numbers of stairs into the bowels of the earth to look at tombs!

The day after to-morrow we go to Amouan and I suppose it will be much the same there. I have told Marjorie about our scheme of taking a boat up the Nile. I will let you know if it comes off & we will make our wills before we start! At any rate it won't be I suppose before another month. Addressing to Barclay's only makes a day's delay. They seem to be very good about forwarding things and I think it will be safer to write there until further notice. (Please tell Lytton if you think of it, that I got £. & £. quite safely.)

Farewell now, dearest, dearest love. Don't overwork yourself with accounts!

Your most devoted
Dorothea