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Beloved Pippa

Many happy returns of the day—
which it will be to-morrow or probably
yesterday, or even the day before when you
receive this. There seems an enormous
amount to say but writing letters
seems more and more impossible and
how I am ever to answer all the
letters of congrat. I received I cannot
tell. Jane's meals come with the most
shocking frequency and punctuality
(every 2 hours)
and each one takes half an hour. There

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is barely time for me to eat my own meals and do my hair. At night I go to bed dog-tired at 8.30 and some times earlier. All bottles have been discarded so that though the baby thrives I have literally no peace at all. The new nurse is charming and a great success. Jane, also ^(like Mother) I believe, is small but every one agrees, remarkably intelligent. She can already carry on a conversation and appreciate a joke, though as a rule she eyes us with a mild and slightly surprised contempt. Her hair has become quite fair and is falling out, her eyes are much lighter. Some day I will send you some photographs.

Simon & I were much pleased at the receipt of the International Cheque & also that the pictures had been sold to strangers. Felise Wedgwood - who is most noble - may also be counted as one, for neither Simon nor I have ever seen him. Simon thinks that as the little pastels appear to be appreciated that it would be a good thing to try and have an exhibition of them in London. He is most anxious to do a series this summer and is longing to go to Scotland for the purpose. Uncle Trevor seemed to think that it would be possible (a) either that Aunt Mimi would not be inhabiting the Boathouse all the time in which case she might let or loan it to us, (b) ~~or~~ that she might be there alone and would take

us in as boarders or visitors? Will you
try seriously whether anything can be done
in this direction? It is too hot for us to
remain here all through the summer with
the infant, and if we are obliged to
move it is as expensive to go to a hotel
in this neighbourhood as to travel to
England & stay with friends. Of course the
Scotland ~~expedition~~ expedition would be a
shocking outlay but we think it would
probably repay in the long run. The
big picture is well on the road to being
finished. It is very remarkable. It
will be exhibited at the Salon d'Automne
in October & November and at the same
time Simon would like to have a show
of little pastels in Paris, which should
be moved on to London afterwards. The
big picture cannot be sold but will serve as

a reclame for the little ones. Please think
over the Scotland plan and ⁴⁷⁸⁶ try and
take steps. Any time between June and
November would do. Of course the
baby makes everything a thousand
times more complicated - especially
as I cannot live without a nurse.
And one of your tasks will be again
to look out for one and send her
to meet us at Victoria Station! I
deeply commiserate but it can't be
helped.

The baby is not going to be christened!
Aunt-Lell (though prepared for the worst)
is much agitated - but especially by
the thought of what she is going to say
to her Mentone friends. She has already
thrown away a plank of refuge by

saying that Simon was a Protestant!
I pointed out that the proper explanation
was that he was an R.C. and I Church
of England and that we couldn't
come to terms. In the meantime the
baby is to have 3 lay god parents or
guardians in event of our premature
decease viz. you and Miss Samaria
and Martel. The other two have not
yet been officially nominated but it
is supposed that they will not refuse.

Two pictures were sent to Bâle - one
already sold to M. Guerin of Paris.

The proofs of Watteau are being rapidly corrected.
I thought of sending them to Mama but now
think it is not worth while.

Delacroix is — in abeyance.

I had meant to ask you to pay some
bills for me out of the International
money. As you have sent this on
will you ask Mama to pay them
out of the promised £25 - the
remainder of which will be received
with much gratitude. after deducting

1. All expenses re International.
* Petite vitrine, agents etc. etc.
2. Expenses re nurse.
3. Enclosed bill of M^{me} Neville
4. " " Bum/pus
5. Any other debts which I have forgotten.
6. Mad. ²¹³Squirell's dress.

I was very glad to hear of Ethel
and Naomi. Please give the former my
love. I ought to write to her but I
simply can't. She will understand.

Lytton seems to have relapsed somewhat
into gloom - caused chiefly as far as I can
make out by boredom -

Good-bye for the present, dearest angel,
I am longing again for home and all
of you - and to show you Janie -

It won't be so very long now - that is
if we survive the journey - which
appears highly doubtful. Fondest of
loves to all.

Your loving Dorothy

~~very much yours~~

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Last sheet of note paper! The household
affairs have gone to the dogs since my illness
and as far as I can see are likely to remain
there!

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Please forward enclosed letter to Grace written
1 month ago. I can't remember her address.