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My dear Roger

I wonder what thrilling adventures you are having on your wonderful toboggan & whether you are getting moments of wild enjoyment out of seamanship. I hope it's not nothing but washing up dishes & hammering aches & wishing a letter would come. I have had a pleasant weekend here & am feeling reluctant to be going back to London. Gide is a very fascinating & rather inscrutable being. His face is decidedly "Protestant" which is the word

Simon uses in describing him. but
he turns out to be quite friendly
in fact most sympathetic though it
will have to be concealed from
Pamela that he doesn't appreciate
Stelley. We were strictly honourable
over Mallarmé - I left the book
behind for fear of falling into
temptation - but without any one's
aid except Stéphane's himself
I have completely unravelled
la Chevalure vol. I read it
again in the midst of its little
story about the lady at the Fair
& it suddenly became limpidly
clear. ~~The~~ It's called
Déclaration Foraine & it's all
about the effect of an outside

public. The *redite d'un héros*
tendre simply means the exposure
of a lover declaring himself in the
usual way which isn't worthy
of the marvellous creature; he
has to admit ~~of~~ of his admiration
originellement la Seule being
taken up by the crowd. It all
works perfectly except for one
slight confusion between a qui
& a que which I think must
not be swallowed. However
I hadn't meant to launch into
this disquisition what I meant
to do was to beg you to send
warning at the earliest possible
moment of the day you're arising
because it isn't so easy to get
the rooms. If you will send a

visiting Rothenstein!

post card or telegram to 96 South Hill Park, I will telephone to Dorothy. Gide is going to be away ~~the~~ from next Wednesday till the following Monday 12th so it won't be fatal from that point of view if you succumb to the fascinations of the Wherry for a few days extra. Only do say. Julia is going to be here for a day or two in your week. I do hope they'll all three like being together.

My love to the family.

I suppose Pam, for once in her life, is getting enough bathing whatever else may fail. The Sun doesn't seem to be playing up as well as it might. Here's doctor's
good P.S.