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Dearest Marjorie

Your letters have been the greatest-comfort to me. The first one especially told me all the things I wanted most to know. I know I can't realise how heart-rending it must all have been. I don't know that it is much use trying to, as I sometimes do. But still I wish I had been there with you all.

I have heard from Elinor Ellie's opinion which confirms yours that Pippa is bearing up and chiefly in need of rest.

Your second letter begins to look forward a little. But of course everything must remain vague for some time to come. I hope you will manage Abyssinia. It would be a great pity if it came to nothing. But I hope also that we shall meet before then. I feel more and more that my sisters & brothers are by far the nicest-persons in the world — if not the only nice ~~persons~~ in the world!

Since beginning this a few days ago, I have heard from Pippa proposing that we should come home in the summer. I hope to goodness we shall be able to. But she seems to think you will have gone. Our idea would be to arrive about the beginning of June. We have done nearly half our time here and are beginning to think of the homeward journey. But we shall be three months over it. In two days we go to Assouan and there we have wild schemes of getting a sailing boat with a tent for the night and going up the river to the 2^d Cataract. It would probably take three weeks and be highly adventurous. But - in prospect at any rate - it sounds very amusing. We have of course so arranged as to make it appear an economy! The boat is ^{also} of course not called a dahabiah. (But very likely it will come to nothing).

Alison has left us, to our great regret. We all liked her very much. She was never in the way & on the contrary was an asset. The same cannot be said of M. le Platt who got terribly on all our nerves. Thank goodness, he too has departed.

Simon is getting on well with his work; he has done about 16 pastels (all magnificent!) and has got 8 more to do. His Exc. at the Leicester G.[?] begins on Feb. 2^d. Please try & do a little propaganda among the higher classes whom you frequent. We shall get home without a penny in our pockets & depend on the birds for feeding us.

We are expecting Jean Mayer to come & join us at Assouan. He will probably stay about a month & we shall be quite glad to see him.

I have had some kind letters from various people. One from Matthew which I enclose for you to see.

Also one from Will Rothenstein.

I thought Virginia's article lovely & have written to tell her so.

Goodbye, dearest creature. I very often pine to see you. Fondest & truest of loves from us all

Your
Dorothy