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SETTIGNANO (FLORENCE)

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Dear Pippa

Will you come here for a week or a few
more days? Mother has insisted me to write
& ask you to come. Do be adventurous, &
brave the mobilization (which is nothing but talk)
Be sure it would amuse you to see this place
with all its stage splendours & all the odd
people in it - gold spoons & Chinese heads
& a collection of all the rare stones in Europe.
There is a little car here too which is at
my disposal, & when you could it bear the
horns or could go off into the hills. Do
come. It's a very easy journey from Mantova
only 14 hours. & last week when I came all
the trains were punctual.
It would amuse me enormously to show you
this place, & hear your views of its glories & charms.

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& I'm quite certain it would amuse you too.
B.B. studies are in angelic frames of
mind, not at all slavish. I have
never been so little frightened before in any
visit here, & owing to the war there is no
great swarm of B.B.'s smart ladies - there
is, in fact, only the small swarm of indig-
uous, which is amusing for a week at a time.

Do come.

If you do you had better come quickly - say
within a week. I've been here 10 days, &
don't want to stay too long - & I should
propose to go back with you to mention

This is all based upon the supposition that

La Source still exists, that Dorothy is
staying on there. If she isn't you may
be anywhere, and doing anything of course.
But unless she wants you, you might still
come.

There are several attractions besides the vicinity
of the place. There's Florence - quite empty
now - you might like that. There are the
hills & the river & the almond trees - you
might like that: or the garden, or the library
or the photographs. There is so much history
in the house that one is kept busy making
use of it all: think for instance of the
bells you could hear!
Well, you'll either come or you won't
I've been here only ten days, but everything

has been entirely blotted out of my mind
already. It's very hard to believe that his
wrt '8, ~~with~~ John & Barbara exist at all -
& as for Suffrage, its confusions have quite vanished
I think all the cobwebs have gone out of my
mind too.

Do come. Mother was unexpectedly enthusiastic
when I suggested it. Don't think the word
'unexpectedly' is a rude one - I never expect her
to like the people I do.

Yours

Ray

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