

The Hollies.

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My dear Husband,

I have been in a jock  
of anxieties since I wrote to you last  
week. The day after I sent my letter  
Mabel's cough was so bad that I thought  
it must be looping rough, and I took  
Mil. to let her go there at once. Mil. very  
kindly took her and I met Dr. Keaynes  
there in the afternoon to see her. He  
said he did not think it was looping  
rough, but she might as well stay a few  
days to be safe. Last Monday he sees her  
again, and said it was impossible  
quite to decide but he thought it was not.  
He is to come to see her again tomorrow.  
I think she is really better this morning,  
but it is safe to keep her from the others.  
Then the day she went to Mil. Noel, who  
had been getting himself overheated  
at football started with his regular  
chest cough, and this after all my  
rightly labour of oil rubbing through  
the winter. He has been away from  
school since Saturday, and I shall  
not let him return until Monday.

then I hope it will be safe for him to go  
out again. For the last week I have  
gone into his room during the night  
to give him things for his cough, last  
night I was up four times to him,  
for until two in the morning he was  
incessantly coughing. I think it  
reached its climax, and today it  
is better, nothing off I think, with  
cold in the head. I have told him  
I will have no more football at  
present, for really I cannot stand  
this night work and the nursing  
of Mamma too. Of course then  
I am up and down with Noel, he  
cannot rest, and he both have to  
pay for it next day. Esther too has  
had a cough for the last month. I  
have decided at last that I must go  
somewhere, for I cannot keep up  
under this strain much longer,  
so in the Easter holidays I shall take  
Mabel and Noel to Cleveland for a  
week, Mr C. coming to see house.  
It will do them both good. Dr Hayes  
says Mabel's throat is not strong.

He says this cough arises from en-  
larged tonsils. Then Noel is making  
very hard at school, and a great suspect  
chance will do him good. You will be  
glad to hear his report for the mid term  
is most satisfactory, not a drawback  
anywhere. Conduct excellent, progress  
in classes very good. He is not second  
in the whole school. This is a good thing  
amongst all the worries.  
Then there is Lilian's going to France.  
I believe I have at last, after almost  
as much correspondence as in the  
nomination business, found the  
right place, with a lady in Paris, a  
Protestant, who has no other English  
pals. She lives with a lady friend, and  
they take one girl at a time, and give  
her French lessons. The terms are high,  
2½ guineas a week, but I think  
Lilian will learn enough in three  
months, at any rate she must try.  
She ought to go at the end of April and  
return at the end of July, so as to be out  
of the lot matter. So now you see, if  
you work hard, I do the same, in  
my way. It would mislead you,

having to take all that archdeacon business  
up again. I feel, like you, that  
we must just let it settle itself. So long  
as your mind is set to do what is the  
right thing, providence will not be  
wanting, when the time comes for de-  
cision. Then too, it is in a manner  
out of your own hands, for it seems to  
rest with the Cathedral Bishop, and the  
Indian Government. We can take our  
leave, if it is better for you to be there.  
I shall feel, whichever way it goes, that  
you have done your duty, and that is  
all I care for. Mamma seems better  
again now, and has actually taken  
to her knitting, but she varies very  
much. sometimes she is quite bright  
and then again very feeble and de-  
pressed. He never seems to have any  
certainty. She sends her love to you, so  
does Mr. Eliam is the only one of us  
who is really up to the mark now. You  
I do not get rid of my cough. However  
Spring is coming, and that will  
surely set us all up. With good bye,  
I will send the book to be sent to  
Mr. Beresford. Ever your truly  
J. P. [unclear]

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