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14/3/46

Dear Noel,

Thank you very much for writing so fully about the events of Wednesday. I still feel guilty about running ^{away} but as I did buy the Nivian reliquary on the day I justified my presence in town.

What do you think of the Will? Helen I thought it a very fair, really rather touching document. Did you ask Edgar or which finger of which hand he intends to wear his sapphire or diamond ring? I think you ~~or~~ might have had

some ear-rings & something!

I am going down next week & shall see Massey on the Thursday. I need hardly say I shall not be able to accept the chance of buying the house, & in that letter headed to me at Birkenhead Aunt Lida says she understands the difficulties. Helen & I think we may be very interested in the contents, & many quite ordinary domestic things may be most precious to us. I suppose, as you have had Elm Lodge to clear up, you may have been able to replenish a bit, but if you are like ourselves, with hardly any

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decent linen & crochery
& everyday furniture, I
hope you & Mollie will
have a look round when
the requests are cleared
out, & I can make a joint
bid.

I remembered Aunt Ida
was going to leave the wine
to me (I helped her in
some of her purchases, & I
believe I made a cellar-list
for her), but I did not remember
it until I was back in
Liverpool. I thought with grief of
you poor honest people,
sipping your cocoa, & drinking

carefully at the locked cellar
door, & I was very sad. I am,
of course, delighted Mary
dispensed hospitality in the
proper way, & I have asked
Massey to see, if possible, that
she can continue to have access
to anything she wants for the
entertainment of visitors.

Does Mary really want
all those wireless sets?
And if ever you want to
sell that but I da call
'the desk in the lounge' I will
give you full market value
for it! Also I note that the
space we were all keeping
empty on our walls to receive
the famous portrait must
remain unfilled. I think, by

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The way, you will have a
hard time choosing a picture!

I enclose a cheque
for the flowers, & I have
added a few pence as
you paid much more than
(did for the Taxi). I have
written to Edgar, & I will write
to Mrs. Blunstone & the Nurse
(if Mary advises that). I
shan't write to Phil & John.
I have already had a
pre view of their reverent
grief on the occasion of their
aunt's death.

I shall go down to

Hand in duo next
Wednesday + shall stay
at Conway. Let me know
if there are points you
want me to look into.

Yr ever

C. M.

To whom did she leave
her hot-water bottles?