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Dearest Minnie,

I do not like not writing  
my letters at a regular time, or rather  
I particularly do not like not having  
the quiet time for it in the evening,  
but it can not be helped while I am  
here & I do not like to post the letters  
often in the day as I know you prefer  
not to get them in the day. I have my  
work this week of course telling you of  
the delight of having that tremendous  
load of anxiety lifted from your  
heart - How soon shall you take your  
passage?


Thank you for all the enclosures - I  
am sorry for the Friends' Review's  
emphasis upon the religious side  
its phrase "as a friend by conviction  
as well as by birthright" but of course  
it could not be helped -  
Don't forget to enclose me your letters

of congratulation - I am very glad that Dr. Khoads is all right again - It must be a trial, of course, & a discipline even for so gentle a spirit as his -

9.15. where my pen changes breakfast appeared, then just as I had finished came home with the mail (with alas my yr. envelope of enclosures & I fear no chance of anything more as it was mailed at 8), then I wrote one of the hours & am now having dispatched my note to the dressmaker enclosing the samples I selected. J. Rose she sent me last night, I can go on with my letter with a very bad pen as I like my own charming one - I do hope you will like what I have chosen & my wish I'd have waited to send the samples to you, but she had

to know so as to be able to fit me this  
afternoon. - They are both blue, you see,  
although in the sheet she tells me  
they are going to wear blue less than  
any thing else almost. - Y. color <sup>being</sup>  
is the most fashionable. - But you see  
I obeyed orders - with a plot. - I am  
going to put my other fur that was  
on the dress you liked on it. - The  
velvet for a reception dress I hesitated  
much over, & I do so hope you will  
like it. - I meditated a black velvet,  
but concluded in favor of this. - It is the  
the sort of sapphire blue you like  
and the red as far as I can see in  
the sample <sup>over</sup> only suggests itself in  
some lights. - They are just my little  
room colors, you see. - The missie  
I thought wd be so trying for  
me. - She suggested as an alternative  
a black missie skirt with a blue  
satin waist covered with jelled velvet  
and I inclined very much to that.

(The piece of which I enclose sample) -  
but thought the other wd be more becoming  
and I want the most becoming thing  
I can get as I am dressing in you -  
If you dislike it, telegraph & send me for change  
I am very well whether she can not  
change has from the yellow dress you  
so dislike into some thing you will like.  
I went to the said dress maker yesterday  
day morning as soon as I had finished  
writing to you & enjoyed the drive in  
the crisp frosty winter air - I got back  
at a little after 11 amid fast falling  
snow flakes - as Julia was to come up,  
and found her established in the  
lounge by the library fire - We all talked  
in very desultory fashion until 12.30  
I was lying down but resting in a  
very comfortable basket chair -  
I had slept very bad the night  
before, but last night slept soundly  
from 1 until 7, not so in 5.30 -  
Lunch at 1, then Mary Bond  
going over the mail & writing some  
necessary letters until 3.30, when

I went on a few Mauds with very un-  
 satisfactory results - as I told you in  
 my note - Alice  as you see by her  
 letter wh. I enclosed you yest. is  
 - most unreasonably it seems to me -  
 provoked with me - so you see my in-  
 vitation was certainly not too cordial  
 for her taste - It certainly isn't my  
 fault that they have preferred I over  
 asked them - although I admit I  
 ought to have renewed the invitation  
 sooner - The result wd of course have  
 been the same - I said at once yest.  
 saying how sorry I was, & that I shd  
 hope to have them on Xmas day at  
 dinner lunch or dinner as they pre-  
 ferred - So - I am sure your mind is  
 relieved - For Dr. Trudeau - did you  
 know he was ill?

I cannot understand why your  
 telegram has not come - but suppose  
 it is because you did not hear from  
 father - I hope it will come soon -

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From Miss P.M. - I am afraid there is not  
a very great chance of her being able to  
keep up even the 5 hr. program -

Miss Koopman, Aunt F. reports, got  
back on Sunday, feeling better. So I hope  
that may go - I will try to write her  
to-day about seeing Larry, lest she should  
reflect it - My dear, I do not like  
to think of yr. interviewing so many  
people for me - although I must  
confess that I love to have yr  
do things for me - if it were not  
for yr. being so frightfully busy -

The enclosed I got Mr. B. to send  
out for me last night & if yrs. jail,  
will wish to see some of them,  
so return please - Do yr. not  
think her report of Ellis's is of  
woman quite creditable production -  
she does not however sound quite  
like the ideal we are looking  
for -



Miss Keenan is here + waiting to give me  
my message - in the wing of the, my byrants!  
So I will go on later -


11.45 - The message & envelopes are  
over & Lou has been in & is waiting for me  
downstairs & yr. big envelope with its  
first message that I am so glad to get  
Even though so belated has come &  
I must say gratifying now - I will  
not close it, however, as I may be  
able to add something before mailing  
time - Last night Irving & Terry in  
clearly VTTT was what made me  
so late, but yr. news made me  
sleep soundly over though not long  
again -

2.15 P.M. - I talked to Lou until  
lunch, wh. we have just finished  
Her housekeeper, Miss Law, such a  
nice looking girl of 28 or 30, lunching  
with us, and want must start

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in a very little while. In the dressmaker's  
I'll no telegram from you - You cannot  
have forgotten abt it, & Friday is only  
2 days off - If nothing comes this aft., I  
shall have to tel. you -

I am glad to hear that the malt is  
ordered - as I hope it means that you  
will take it regularly for some time to  
come - I was amused to hear that  
the red-worm drawers are now  
well-ordered - Is the cast straight?  
Please remember to have it  
done at once, if it is not, as such  
a risk as that does not seem worth  
the running -

Is Miss Kerr really going to break  
down? I hope the Library matter  
is all right - Julia will be off  
yest. nig. so that I suppose something  
must have appeared in the papers,  
but I had no chance to let her see yest.

I am so pleased that yr really seem  
 better, but I hope that the rest of  
 the week is not ~~going~~  going to be like Monday.  
 In that wd mean that the gain idl  
 but last long I am afraid.

Is Maunie better? I hope yr remem-  
 bered to tell her that I was sorry that  
 I had no place in Mary's hospital.  
 If I had a sewing room I think it  
 wd be an economy to have such  
 a woman, but as this it wd only be  
 a bother -

I hope the aft. mail will bring an  
 ans. to my questin, all the interest  
 and perhaps that will tell me all  
 Baltr. - I am afraid p. the delay there  
 is little chance of yr. going, but I still  
 think I had better go in any case -

And now goodbye my dear one - No,  
 I do not regret any of my promises,  
 and hope yr do not regret your very  
 few ones - Shall I tell yr how terribly  
 disappointed I shall be if I am not

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I am so pleased that you really seem  
 better, but I don't think the work  
 the work is not ~~the~~ the same  
 as that we mean that the same  
 but that you have seen  
 is becoming better. I hope you  
 will be well here that I was very  
 glad to hear for many things  
 I had no place for anything  
 if I had a newspaper I think it  
 will be an advantage to have  
 a newspaper, but as this is not of the

a letter -  
 I hope the rest will be very  
 good. In my opinion all the interest  
 and perhaps that will be all  
 back - you speak of the delay  
 in little chance of it. I don't think  
 think I had better go in my case -  
 but my friends say that we do  
 do not regret any of our business  
 but perhaps do not regret your  
 business - I shall be very  
 disappointed I shall be

Sleep on Friday? Goodbye my  
beloved — —

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