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London. N.W.

like a letter  
It is I believe  
I owe him one.

So I love dearest to you all from  
us all. Your loving friend. Heather

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 1907.

Dearest Mary

I can't remember exactly

when I wrote to you last, but fancy  
I was just before the exams when we  
were up here for a few days. They are  
over now. I got both the Diplomas  
& a Silver Medal, which lands me at  
the top of English Dairy Farming list:  
In the NDD exam. which was by  
far the stiffest we had 3 papers of  
3 hours each to do, 3 viva voce

Sweden. how you got on with the colored portrait I know how many grams & must have  
cost you: poor dear thing! My medal of merit is up in the drawer.  
Exhibition well hung  
& near to a Rodin.  
Please give best  
greetings to George Clark  
& tell him I should

and 4 days practical work to do which made it a very long & tiring business, especially as we had to go to a strange place. The Oldland Institute near Derby for it is a most horrible place it is & horrid people we had a week of the greatest discomfort, dirt & misery - escaped with our lives but with awful sore throats from the smells & dirt! Fancy in these "sanitary" days such places existing!! I would not have believed it. 4 of the Reading Students went as well as many others from Wales, Lancashire, & other Counties, all the outside were practically boycotted by the Midland students & staff

so we worked at a tremendous disadvantage. However, 3 out of our 4 got through, and I got honours, did well in Chem: & Botany, particularly. I liked the Examiners very much, all very straight & nice, particularly Dr Voelcker the Chem: & Bot: man, he is Analyst to the Royal Agric Society & is such a clever, brilliant keen person, with a most picturesque silvery head. None of the examiners stayed on the place, they would not as they were afraid of getting ill, so they had rooms in Regwold a tiny village 3 miles off & drove over every morning at 6! I don't think the Nat: Agric: Society will hold their exam: there again, so many complaints have been made, it really isn't a fit place to send decent students to. We were put into 6x6 ft cubicles all in a long dormitory, had to wash in a room altogether at a row of dirty basins, with no water in the taps: all the drains stopped up & the swarms of flies simply disgusting.

We were glad to get away. but we were all ill after it with bad throats etc for some time.

They perfectly feted me at Reading when I got back, because I am the only student who has ever taken all the Diplomas in one year so they regard me as a "Record".

Dad. clothes are staying with us for a few days here for the Dairy Show at Islington, we went every day - met heaps of people we knew, of course the Reading Coll. had a big exhibit, which looked very well. we helped to arrange it, we had a lot of bacteriological specimens - different wondrous looking tubes, mingled with fine specimens of every variety of cheese!

I churned  $\$$  in two classes and only got Reserve (which is equal to 3<sup>rd</sup>), and Very Highly Commended, as all the veterans of 14 - 12 years experience were on the job and new hands had it a look in.

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Silhouettes & soap I am to tell you he will write you very soon & tell you all he can. he is such a peeper at Silhouettes himself I am sure he'll be able to help you. silhouettes are all the go now very fashionable indeed. in three guant old black ebony frames.

Anne's children's poems are just going to be published by Elkin Mathews in a nice little 1/- form. It makes a dear little book we hope will be out for Xmas. & I shall send you one we think they ought to be used in schools as they have such good Imperial feeling. I think some will be consigned to Water for sale. It is called

### I heard a Child Singing.

Rita is very well & is very busy this term, as she has 30 pupils for writing, 2 classes for Theory of Music - some violin pupils - she'd friend a pupil of Severis, and an Austrian girl a professional

Violent cases of influenza, we had some splendid music. Bad Concerto etc. & was  
a treat. My all 3 played so well. Anne is up at Holt on now, staying with Aunt Sara.

2) I am going back to Reading till Xmas not  
to do any Dairy work but to work entirely  
at Bacteriology with Mr Percival with the  
Coll: Lab: he is writing a book on Milk  
Bacteria and wants me to help him  
we do the experiments etc. I pay no  
fee & get training under one of the best  
authorities in England, so I think it  
is worth while keeping on a bit a time  
longer. Tho I had several decent posts  
as Chemist of Dairies offered me at the  
Shaw. After Xmas we shall probably  
set about taking a farm on our own  
unless something awfully tempting turns  
up in the way of a post.

Dad had a very interesting letter from you  
the other day, which we were awfully  
glad of. To hear you are such a great  
card in the Horticultural line! This  
morning he has got your note about the