

16, NEVILLE COURT,
GROVE END ROAD, N.W.

Easter Sunday

My dearest Mary,

I was so glad to have your
letter of Feb: 13th, which seemed to
bring you quite near me; I was so
long since I'd heard of you - I didn't
know you were living alone now - it
must be dreary at times, tho' it has
fascination about it too - still I don't
think it is good - would rather have a
real friend with me for a permanence -
still it is oceans better to be alone than
to be forced to live with uncongenial people
that is a real killing world isn't it?
There is one advantage in living alone - that

is one gets through a great amount of reading; which is difficult if one has a companion as the conversation keeps one's attention off. I wish you'd come over for a trip in England. That would be a nice break, you have lots of friends over here haven't you? - you could rub up all the picture galleries again & enjoy yourself. I'm glad Bernard is coming, he will be able to go & see the Liverpool Cathedral which is being built now. - is the best architecture of modern times & some people say it is equal to the finest Gothic period, and more spacious

in feeling. Sir Gilbert Scott of course. he is miles ahead of any other architect - such a genius!

I didn't know about Andrew Holden & Una Matjomeny - Mr Bardillon was married last term to a girl from Emu Bay - a Miss Armitage I think & they have taken a little house in Reedrich Rd where we used to lodge when we first went to Reading & are living there - he still keeps his post on the staff of the College.

Now I must tell you what we have been doing. Mary & I have just come back from a short trip to Arles in the Pyrenees. where we went last year. ~~for~~ our Easter vac. Pro: Percival went with us again, & it was so pleasant going back to the

Same place again, so home-y. & it
is such a simple unspoilt little spot
& all the people remembered us &
greeted us so kindly. we simply did
nothing but sketch all day long. varied
by an occasional visit to a small
village or town near for market day
which is always most picturesque
amusing. we went to Lourdes, & Tarbes
the latter is the principal town of the
Pyrenees. You would so have enjoyed
that lovely scenery & the snow mountains.
we had snow nearly all the week, but
such bright sunshine with it we really
didn't mind, & it made the colours lovely.
The Professor is a most charming
companion, as he is so clever & full of
life & enthusiasm; he has a passion
for painting which of course he never has
time to teach in the term: he does charming
water-colours. & is very fond of oils too.

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a good talk
with you. could
come, spend
a week end!

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Always your
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H. H. H.

I mess away with water colours
but never do any thing decent at
all. as it's not a bit my line, my
affection for the work doesn't supply
to want of necessary knowledge!
We stayed a couple of days in
Paris on the way home, very glad
that though the Salons were not
open yet! but we went to the
Salon des Humorists which was
marvellous indeed: so thrillingly
Parisian, vividly witty, vicious
& altogether delightful - some splendid
bits of models too. which I shall

have loved to buy!
We are staying a day or two
here with Dad - Mother - before
going back to Reading (the term
begins on Wednesday next -) they
are looking so well & bright -
yesterday was their 48th
wedding day! Anne has gone
to Liphur for Easter holidays
with the Humes. It is wonderfully
good weather for Easter this year

so far. - I do hope we may
have a bit of a summer this
year as we've had none for
the last 3 or 4 years.

I think I have a bronze in the
RA this year - at any rate
it is too late for it to be rejected
now, it can only be "crowded out"
which I hope will happen. I
shall like to go to Varnish Day
and I shall miss Lillie Reed
this year, she is ill & having a
rest cure. - we generally spend
the day together on these occasions.
Kit is very well, working hard
she will probably be coming home

in May. as the Wallaces leave
Berlin then I'm afraid. Kit's 21st
birthday is tomorrow: just fancy:
doesn't time race on?

We had a great shock - grief a fortnight
ago in hearing of the death of Bertie
Benn in New Zealand, you
remember him I expect: he often
stayed with us - was a great friend
of the boys, especially Sammy, & a
very kind good friend to us all, - a
most charming man. He lived near
Rotorua on an island which he
had made into a beautiful place. but
he was delicate, never took any
care of himself. he died of pneumonia
in a few days. only 41. It is so sad
I think. Well dear set, I must
stop, as it's time. I wish I could have

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