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My dear Irene,

I made this little shopping bag for you some time ago, & then stupidly mislaid it! There are so few facilities here for the orderly arrangement of possessions. The little bag is by way of a Xmas Card.

Dear Aunt Essie is unmistakably much worse yesterday & to-day. It is so sad to see her with her intelligence quite gone. But even now she sometimes beams upon one for a moment with her wonderfully radiant smile.

I am so very thankful that I was here when she got to be so ill & that I am quite free to stay. It can't go on much longer - her breathing is so bad & she takes so little nourishment.

Winnie is coming over for the day tomorrow, I am delighted to say. One feels rather cut-off in these queer Dickens-y lodgings, but all the people are very kind. Curiously enough a friend of mine is staying at the Clevelys Hydro. A friend (Mr. Spence) of Aunt Jos's has been at Lytham, & they both have been to see me twice - quite a refreshment.

I must close this now - there are so many interruptions!

Much love to you all, from

Yours affectionately
Alice Crumpston.