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The Pond House, Stoke Row, near Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. Checkendon 105.

23 Oct '40

Dear Miss Stracey,

I was extremely sorry to hear, when I was phoning to Stacey last night, that Women's Service Building has been hit, and apparently badly damaged.

What a crowning example of the senseless havoc of War.

I have never been to Marlborough Street since the war started as I have been living down here all the time, and only passing through London or coming up to choose fittings at Showrooms. But I know you have made the most gallant efforts to carry on in the face of great difficulties.

Stacey tells me that you have gone to Newham and I am sending this letter to you there.

I was also very sorry to see when I was
last in St George's Terrace that the end house,
owned by the over thirties, had been damaged.

I can only hope that the Government will
pay proper compensation, and that after the War
there will be a resurrection.

Both my partners are now Army
Engineers, and I am looking after the Senior
School Building in Yorkshire which is
slowly proceeding. Although it has been
passed for completion by the Board of Education
there is a tremendous struggle to get a licence
for the materials. Cement is the worst problem
at the moment.

With very best wishes and hope that
you will enjoy the comparative peace of Cambridge

Yours very sincerely

Elizabeth Scott.