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La Soue.

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"ENVELOPES" REGISTERED.

Dear Ray. Letters are most acceptable especially when they contain such interesting news as yours. Please present my congratulations to Karin & Adrian. They are both portentous figures and therefore evidently cut out for one another - As for Adrian I have never spoken one word to him except 'How do you do', being always petrified by terror in his presence. Karin is not at all petrifying, and though I haven't said much more to her it isn't for the same reason - I take a very great interest in her and am delighted you are all pleased about it. As for Oliver's phenomenal post he & it are also evidently cut out for each other. It sounds like a miracle. But I fear really it is duller than it sounds - but £200 a year! How splendid. I am very sorry you are laid up again but glad it is in a good cause, and that you are forcibly removed from doing things you detest. My only contribution to the nation's welfare is darning Simon's & James stockings which I have to do night & day, as we have to do with only one servant and I have to be even more of a nurse maid than usual. All the hotels here are filled with wounded and refugees, but there is no distress among the inhabitants of our commune at any rate. Everyone says that the women's allowance (1.25 a day & 50^{cents} for each child) is ample & they are quite satisfied. But in the towns they are worse off, for here everyone has a house and a plot of ground with vegetables. Pippa is sending me the back numbers of Land & Water which I read with passionate interest - to Simon's inexpressible contempt. ^{He once look at it.} Because he once met Helaine Belloc out at lunch! Please find out whether Pippa is sending it before you do. Do you understand this. As I fear to fall between two stools. Janie continues remarkably well & absolutely impervious to the War which is a mercy. How charming of Barbara to scintillate already. Love to Bliven. Yours affectly Dorothy.

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