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14<sup>th</sup> May 1916

My dear Pippa.

Potter, Gen. Man. of G.W.R., has  
skillfully warded off the shaft aimed at him, as  
follows - "I duly received your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup>  
inst. enclosing a letter of introduction from Mr. Cunard.

It may be explained that, in the circumstances  
arising out of the war, the Railway Companies have  
had to close down on new works to a very considerable  
extent and as a consequence our staff establishment  
has to be placed upon a reduced basis.

If, notwithstanding these considerations, you would  
still wish to pay me a visit, I shall be pleased to  
see you, but an appointment would have to be made  
some little time ahead, as I am about to go away for  
a week or two."

Evidently nothing doing on the G.W.R., still I am  
writing to say that in spite of all I am dying to see  
him. In the meantime I have sent off Lord I's  
letter of introduc. to Sam Fay, and have asked  
S<sup>ts</sup> Loe to shoot at Hugh Bell. Do you think it  
would be useful if Hanna also wrote to Bell? S<sup>ts</sup>  
Loe will probably send on a letter which I have  
written explaining the case and stating my quali-  
fications etc, so she could be quite vague in her  
letter -

I went to see the place at Esher the other

day and we shall probably go there in about  
a fortnight. It is kept by a retired Captain R.N.  
and seems to be quite nice. A very pretty garden  
and large fields attached to the house, donkey and  
governess cart for use of lodgers

The boys have arrived safely at school and  
are probably resigned to their fate by this time  
how wretched, especially as Dick has been  
promoted to Captain of the Eleven!

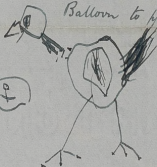
We are all flourishing and send our  
loves

Ever your  
Ralph



Balloon to play with

Kiss &  
hug  
for  
Francis



A bird

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