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Dear Elsie,

I have not yet had a reply from you concerning your choice for the French book club; or as I ought to get my lists out in ten days, I hope you will not think I am hurrying you too much, if I write to you again.

Perhaps you want suggestions. I have very few to make this year I am

sorry to say. The one I  
prefer myself, (but don't  
want to get as Austen  
has it) is Jussierand -  
Le roman anglais au  
temps de Shakespeare. I  
have not read it, but  
am told it is very chatty  
& amusing as well as  
interesting. Will you  
try it, or will you have  
~~Memoires Berlinz.~~ (Elixir bagot)  
Voltaire. Jaquet  
(a good study, I believe)

or Histoire du Romantisme  
by Théophile Gautier very  
amusing, but more gossip  
than history & much about  
a certain red waistcoat,  
which he wore for the first  
performance of Hernani.  
Memoirs of M<sup>me</sup> Bigée Le Brun,  
the painter, in 2 vols. was  
recommended to me.

I think this is all I  
have. If you have a book  
of your own to propose,  
please don't feel at all  
bound to prefer one of these  
which are only suggestions  
in case you want them.

When you have made  
a choice, please send me

a postcard to say what  
it is & crossing it through  
on my letter, if it should  
be one of the above, please  
send on the letter to  
Pippa, who wrote to me  
that she had not found a  
book & may be glad of  
suggestions.

Yours aff<sup>ly</sup>  
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Dear Pippa - I send this on  
as bidden. We hope to see you  
on Saturday.  
Elinor.