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Dear Dr. Douglas,

I hope I may add a more personal note to my official letter.

Mrs. Russell was so very fond of you, and whenever your name was mentioned she told me how much she admired you.

A few weeks after her death I called on Mary, her faithful house-keeper, who has been ill ever since. She suffers from heart-disease, and although the doctor had tried to warn her, it was a terrible shock when she found Mrs. Russell dead. Mary told me that Bertrand Russell had promised to come and see Mrs. Russell after Stockholm, where he received the Nobel Prize, but though he wrote and told her all about it he did not call on her; and Mary felt that his visits might have stopped altogether, and thought Mrs. Russell could not have borne this, and that it was perhaps fortunate that she died before this happened. I was deeply impressed, and think it may be quite true.

I am so glad to know that the Cezanne reproduction pleased you; I had hoped it would, it has the qualities which I associate with you: clarity, serenity, simplicity (in the sense of absence of frills and fussiness).

You may be interested to know that, in February, I applied for the post of Relief and Advisory Secretary offered by the I.S.S. in London. Both Miss Bond and Professor Cullis consented to act as referees, and they thought that I was the right person for this kind of work, but, alas, a young woman who could have been my daughter got it. I must admit, however, that she seems extremely suitable, having much more experience than I have in raising money for relief funds. Still, I was terribly disappointed our relief work has come to an end, or very nearly so, and this was what I was most interested in, and best qualified to cope with. I long to get back to case-work and interviewing, but my age - 54 - and very likely my Austrian origin are against me.

With my very best wishes,

Yours,

*Eva Hollitscher*



At Fort Pepperell

20/8/51.

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My Darling Allie,

We got back from one circuit yesterday & tomorrow we go north to Strait of Belle Isle & around by Belle Isle across to Anticosti and then back to Havronville at Stephenville or here. It will be a long day & I'm hoping for good weather. It has been a perfect day but for some reason they could not get up in time to order an aeroplane.

I have quite a lot to tell you about the comic members of this team. It really has been peculiar. The man who asked about the waders at the Ottawa meeting is an overgrown boy scout of 48 yrs of age! Completely cracked!

Enclosed is a very interesting letter from A.E.G. I do not see very clearly what he means by monopsony when the Navy went on strike & saying what he does about carrying-fair. That strike or meeting had all the earmarks of the meeting at Spithead about 1797. I've got Chapter 1 & 2 in the "Years of Endurance" & I'll shoot them back. I hope he does not mean that regimentation is the answer because I do not think he is right & I'd fight against that with anything I'm for. He is right - that all men are not born equal but I think that should read "all men are born with equal possibilities". It's absurd to say all men are equal for why then are I not equal to Newton or Einstein? Nor do I agree about the divorcing of instruction & research. They must run together in the same university. If they do

my 3 pm. camp leave to meet me in

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not run together - one institution becomes  
a high school and the other a research  
Council. The multitudes never get beyond  
high school mentality + the select few become  
specialists in no time and never learn the whole.

Now somebody goes aboard a ship to know.  
Is it O or M? I don't know. My mails  
from out off here.

I board plane Sunday 26/8/51 &  
should be in Montreal in time to catch  
the 3 pm. train for Kingston.

There is one thing I want you to  
know. You are the greatest woman I  
can conceive of and I love you beyond  
everything else in the special love of  
brother + sister which can be the purest  
and most intense. You are so sure and  
so steady and so true that no person  
ever had such a spiritual companion.

I want you to know this for your own  
darling self. I love Olga very very dearly and  
I love E.M. P.J. for they are all my darlings.

Dear dear sister of mine may  
he grand Saviour protect you and them.

Your old friend,

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I'll get the Car 27 + we  
down to Montreal together. Don't try to meet me in  
Car to



On aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet  
and show my people their transgressions & the house of  
Jacob, their sins. Thus spoke Isaiah many years before  
the X'tian Era and thus has spoken many a  
prophet in these years since. When we view the  
spectacle of X'tianity through the ages what do we  
see? We see a select band assembled by the Master  
gradually assimilating His doctrines but becoming conscious of  
them only at His death. Some of them not even then  
awakening to the true spirit of the purport of His teachings  
and way of life. After His untimely death we see  
that band expanding ~~marked~~ in spite of persecution and  
Civic resistance until the old gods of the civilized  
World were displaced by Jehovah ~~as~~ as interpreted  
by X't. With the removal of opposition there was a  
lowering of standards and the expediency crept into  
the X'tian organization. The taste for power tempted the  
Spiritual leaders from the purity of the X'tian concept.  
Through the ages this temptation has increased alarmingly.  
The position now is that most of the churches are  
distinctly Nationalistic, they preach a Jehovah who is  
Canadian, German, English or Italian when those  
nations may be in conflict. I have heard Sermons  
preached in Canada, in Canadian Churches, which were  
nothing more than recruiting talks. At the same  
time the German Emperor was assuring his people  
that Jehovah was on the side of Germany.  
He that sitteth in the heavens must laugh and  
hold us in derision!

(To be finished sometime)