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Dear Louis

It is years since I wrote to you; but then it is years since you wrote to me, - so that's all - right.

None the less I ought to have written to congratulate you and Robbie on his success in his exam. But I was so sure that he would succeed that it didn't excite me as much as it ought to have.

And I ought to have written to congratulate you on Freddie's success and the way she is " making good". But we could - and did - rejoice with Freddie in person.

And there is Mussolini and his portrait. I suppose you told him you had done me. It must have pleased and flattered him very much. Me and Mussolini we will go hurtling down the ages together and he should be proud - as, I think, he is anyhow.

As for Pepi, she just deserves slapping for failing to keep in proper touch with Mrs Paine and

losing her room there. But I believe Florence has found a suitable place for her in the meanwhile at a desirable Club. She has been spending much of her time writing or telephoning about her ; and this morning it was, I think, though not quite finally fixed up.

I am going over to France tomorrow - to Lille - for three days and then shall be back here till the First of November, when I go South as usual. Florence will follow sometime before Christmas , and will be all the happier if she can spend a day or two with you in Brussels on the way.

Brad remains here. I've got him a temporary job in The Times Office and it will be up to him to make it permanent.

I don't know whether there is any chance of seeing you here before I go (you might bring Pepi over), but it would delight us if you did come. Anyhow, you know that we love you all - even if I don't write too often -

Yours

Jack

You may observe that I need both a new roller and a new ribbon on my typewriter.