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My dearest Margaret,

Many thanks for your letter which came this week; we were glad to have it, but sorry to know that Freda is so weak, it is sad to see. And the best that can be done is being done. Glad to know Graham has ~~been~~ been accepted at Toronto University but sorry he had a struggle with Maths. Also pleased to know that the visit of Peter & Timmy was so happy, pity she lost her money but that could have happened anywhere goodness knows. You may be sure I was over, come with relief at finding my brooch. I was miserable about it, trouble was, I had no recollection of leaving it here! At the end we left home rather hurriedly as Tony called for us. Since the dress from Cecile's has not turned up I take it it was sold. I have realised that the weight of D. v. 7's ^{dress} suits me very well in this climate so am anxious to have a more summery coloured one than the one I have - ^{I may have long sleeves} but no greens or browns. None on the local sales (only 2 sales) but you would have like Macack Imports Sale. I didn't buy anything -

I hear from Jessie that you expect to come up in November - What is the occasion? Anyway if you do, could you get me, in England, 3 bottles of DORBANEX CAPSULES? You could pack one bottle's contents into the other 2, for ease of carrying. Jessie & Louie are taking David, Graham & a friend to a camp today, must have left early, Ross left on the 16th & will be away a month and on the 1st Aug. they are taking the boys on a holiday to the West, so they will be fully occupied this summer, & will not, it seems to me be seeing much of the cottage this summer. This month of June has been the hottest time we had a few days' respite and then once more on it came. The holiday weekend (July 1st is Canada Day) promises fair weather & certainly today is beautiful. I wonder whether you will be going to the Truscott wedding or to the other one, today.

The Dr. F's are much more expensive here, the C & S's fall does no good to business & several smaller shops are closing or have closed. I find everything very expensive, & getting even

more so. The assistants at Peacock's & Tallmires told us everything coming in will be up by 30-50% - while people will pay! Things, food clothing, rents &c do not go up by the amount of devaluation I fear. Marks & Spencer have closed down one of their stores, & so far not opened one here they undertook to establish, & are not opening others they had planned. I have looked in at Birks at various things and their prices are out of sight. Well, there's a lot I can live without.

I hope you are having a busy, happy holiday; I do not know how often & when Charles will be with you.

These long holidays are excessively boring for me, the brasses few & far between, shops closed; the best I can do is all my chores. TV. poor.

No more now, I have masses of letters to write but don't seem to get on with them.

A happy time to you all,
With much love

Mother.

Sunday 7th 1979.

My dearest Margaret & Charles,

This is the 1st birthday
49 years that I am without my husband.
Once, many years ago in the Thurstons,
I woke on my birthday, ^{and for fun}, I de-
cided to wait & see if he would remember
at all. That day, about 9 am. he came
running in to the house saying "Oh
darling! Oh darling!" - he had remembered.
I have been looking at old
snaps & pictures & I wonder whether my
children have any idea of how much
they were welcomed & loved & how proud
he was of them. My mind seems to be
mostly in the past these days - My Dr is
looking after me & tries to be kind, but
it seems to me I budge through every
day.

The cold is with us of course and so
far we have had only one storm, the
first on Nov. 24th and it was not bad in
itself but rendered driving & walking
very nerve-racking. The thaw at the
N.Y. weekend provided enough ^{crunch} to
supply us with $\pm 6"$ of ice so walking,
after the temperatures dropped, has been
hazardous.

I am enclosing a photo; I have
negatives of the pictures taken ^{after your birth} out-
side grandma's flat (Albany Court)
There are one or two nice ones, & per-
haps you would like them when I

have them developed.

I wonder how things are with Diane - that a very sad case and how hard for Donald & his young children. In all her trouble Anna took time to send me a card of sympathy & another at Christmas, I am very fond of her. One suffers when one's children suffer.

Did I tell you David (Graham) Reimer is taking over, has taken over, from Jan 1st a church in Portoria? I had a wonderful letter from him in which he promises to write again & tell me more: they have three children, Graham the eldest ± 11 , Megan ± 7 Lauren ± 9 , & Catherine $\pm 3\frac{1}{2}$ or 4.

Today being my birthday Jessie & I went to the theatre & saw "Lady Windermere's Fan" with Moira Lister (an English Co. touring here) & then went home with them to a lamb dinner, but came home early as I had things to do. It is 10.15 now (p.m.) & I am tired. It has been snowing lightly all afternoon.

My bridge day has been changed to Wednesday & I had thought of returning to my conversational French class but unfortunately that too is on Wednesdays. I liked going, and the venue is convenient. Do write soon, much love & all good wishes to you all. I am so glad Charles has settled

so well at Rugby. How pleased
Faeda would have been.

With much love from
Mother