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Dearest Ma:—

Your letter of May 7th.
has come to me here and I am
delighted to have it. I suppose
some of the mail has been
lost here in Europe too — I got
a few letters from E. when I
was back in Anacapri ^{in April} that she
had sent me in January. Capri
P.O. probably has others — for
it's a place of many visitors and

short visits and mail would be held up. So we quit!

I am glad the winter proved a fairly easy one. We had a glorious time of it in Capri — at least E. did and I used my rain coat almost not at all in my travels. The spring is very late and my travels have kept me among apple blossoms almost continually since March, for I've come north steadily and slowly.

Scotland seems less likely now and Somersetshire or Nor-



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way rather more likely. Christiania perhaps, while I do a school in Norway and a school in Iceland if there are boats. You must be getting accustomed to the nomadic appearances of our plans, but they never will hold for longer than two months so it's hardly more than a speculative value that attaches to them at the distance of 6 months from their realization.

I have had two large letters

from Richard. He is having, I gather an extraordinarily happy time and I'm not surprised. Getting what you want always makes you firmer at rejecting all that isn't what you want - and Richard always seemed to me to suffer from taking what he didn't like, too much. If he's as critical of his new friends as of his old there's not much to worry about.

I am finding work very much easier and more agreeable here than in Italy, of course,



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and am really ³
thoroughly enjoying
it. I've finished 3
Dublin schools, and a school in
Cork and in Galway. Tomorrow
we go to Belfast and then
back to Paris.

Eleanor and Yo are coming
sooner than I had expected
and I've only about 10 days
more without them, for they
sh'd be getting up by June 1st
at the latest. She's sent you
some pictures I presume: I only
have single copies and I'm

loath to miss any of them. I shall then be as content as I am busy: now it's mostly busy.

Ireland is settling down rather remarkably. Yesterday I had an audience with the President of the Free State Mr Cosgrave. He was very young and natural in his manner, and seemed not at all the wild Irishman of song and story.

It's a wonderfully green place and it seems to rain all the time. In Cork last Sun.



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Day 9 went on
a run out to
Blarney Castle and it amused
me to think of the pleasure
Fanny Smith would have
taken to see me kissing the
stone! The country has flavor
— there's no doubt of that —
a Priest who'll wink at you
and suggest a bit o' whiskey
at 10 AM ... and many
amusing stories.

I'll be sending you a check
for \$100 in June.

I enclose a telegram blank
to show you the fuss and
pother they make over the
Irish language. I feel as
though a letter in one
more language over my
desk in Paris would bring
down the salt tears.

I'm hoping that a
little present to the Grand
mother's may turn out



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successfully —
some movies of
the baby which you could
have a whack at and then
pass them on to Mrs Barrows

on the other coast. Here

address by the way is:

2821 Hillegass St
Berkeley.

I'd get Faith to take them
back if they come out decently.

I must stop to go look
at another hospital —

Your loving son
Alan.