

AIRMAIL

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Dear Nell,

The beauty of The Villa Scienza lives in our hearts daily and we feel the most blessed of newly-married pairs to have known such days as you gave us. You may be one that we think of you often for to us you stand for a goodness of life that is so very rare and fine, as well as ^{being} a wonderful friend. It is our lasting wish that we may live both that life and the friendship. Both are so very dear.

Somehow, too, the cottage will be our home in thought for a long time for we began our "life" there and part of us remains with that life. It is the best part. Such a perfect cottage it is.

These days on the sea have

3/as a woman and will find a biography and devour it! It has been a treat to have so much time to read but so much of a luxury that one grows restless even I!

We will be thinking of your book and the pictures as they evolve into book-form. We know it will be beautiful and a moving statement of the village.

And letters will come, if you will accept just a token of thanks at a time for it will be a lifetime before we will have sufficiently shown our love and gratitude.

Love and a sea-breeze,
Margaretta

2/ been long and quiet but full of reading and maps and looking at the waves. It is the first time I've ever really "met" the sea and felt its rhythm, which is a lulling, soothing one. We have had so much rest that we are now quite anxious to begin wandering over the islands and seeing the England we are reading about.

As Mitchell is probably writing you, we dock in Rotterdam but want to go as quickly as possible to England. There is so much to see!

I have been rereading "Gift from the Sea" during our voyage and am struck by the simple explanations of her words which have always been close to my heart. I also have been rereading Katherine Mansfield through her short-stories which I find fascinating. I am anxious to know more of her