

Ottawa, January 2, 1917.

Mrs. J. Gilbert,
General Post Office,
St. Catharines, Ontario.

My dear Olive:

I was glad to receive yesterday your letter of December 26th, and to know from it that you would be willing to come back to Mother. This has given both Mother and myself much pleasure.

You are quite right about not thinking of leaving your present place without giving plenty of notice and allowing Mr. Hartley time to secure another housekeeper. That, of course, we knew would be your wish should you be willing to come, and we fully expected that to make any new arrangement would take a little time.

Since coming to Ottawa, Mother has had a severe cold, and I have thought it well to keep her in bed and have a nurse come in and be with her during the day. It is only a heavy cold and I think it will not be long before she is up and about again. The Foxborough, however, is so filled that it has not been possible for me to get additional rooms for her in this building, and I have in consequence had to change my office into a bed room to make her comfortable there. I find that, so far as apartments go, it is practically the same

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