

The Downs West, Harnwell,

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24, Aug. '93.

My dear Mr. Locke, how good
of you to have this kind thought
of us! You have no idea how
bright your parcel made a ^{some}
-what dull morning for us. I had
had a particularly bad night &
was gloomily anticipating a day of
ineffectual struggle with pain & sickness,
when Misses, who had gone down to

breakfast

breakfast before me, suddenly called
up "Such a lovely parcel from
Mr. Locke. Be quick & come down!"

[You guessed, I dare say, that we
are a couple of children still playing
at dolls' house.]

When I saw that you had
sent us, my headache soon cleared
away, & the sun shone ~~it~~ out
cheerily.

Is it childish to be
so sensitive to such impressions of
pleasure? Well, then, ~~it~~ may

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I remain a child to the end.

The private edition of your 'Lyrics'
is indeed most precious, & it is
very good of you to further en-
rich it by that additional Caldecott
impression.

And your photograph

too was the one gift I intended
asking you for before we left Gromer,
but as you had already been generous
to me I grew timid.

It strikes us as being extremely
good, so very natural, & just as we

like

like to remember you. Again

thank you for anticipating ~~my~~ our
wishes.

Shortly, if you would like,
we will beg your acceptance of copies
of our photographs, which we recently
had taken.

I am afraid you

are too kind about my humble lines
in ~~your~~ the visitor's book - but
at any rate they were sincere, &
I rejoice to think they gave you
pleasure.

Poetry, dear Mr. Locker,

is

is not for one generation only,
 need I remind you, & when heart
 & brain go together that delight
 the older can hardly fail to delight
 the younger too - if the younger be
 worth considering.

So soon as I get some present
 work out of hand I look forward
 to some pleasant hour at that little
 loved - labour I told you of.

Meanwhile, let me tell you
 once more how happy both my
 wife

wife & I count ourselves in
 having known as well as read
 you.

Our kindest regards to Mrs
 Locken-Lampson, & Mrs. Dobie, &
 believe me always

your sincerely

Richard La Gallienne.

P.S. I have forgotten to thank
 you for Godfrey's book-plate. Happy
 fellows! When are we to have his
 catalogue?

with love from
 Mrs. Dobie

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