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Many thanks for the folder, I have been showing it round 49 Lowndes Square, London S.W.1. when telling friends 18th October 1942. about States.

W. MAGPHERSON (ENGLISH)

Dear Viola,

I was so glad to get your letter of July 24th just after I got back to London from the farm. I fear I have neglected my letters a lot lately but I have been so very busy, we have practically no staff left, and it is very difficult I find, sitting in the office, trying to review books and attend to small errand boys just out of school who come round for an odd copy of the magazine and have usually mixed up or lost their order forms.

Also it is getting increasingly difficult to get about. I walk to the office if I possibly can for the crowds are great for the busses, it is about two miles away and takes quite a time but at least a bit of the way is through the park.

It is so amusing, you know we have allotments everywhere, in the parks, square gardens etc, the seeds have been carried by the wind all over the place and I found some cress growing out of the pavement in a quiet street the other day. It was most odd.

I have been sharing in that wonderful parcel that you sent Hilda for her birthday, it was most kind of you. We often talk about you and wonder how you are getting along. I feel so sorry that you have such restrictions on the use of your car because it is so much more difficult to get about in the States, where the distances are much greater. And for you living away from a town it must be awfully hard.

We went to the Greek art exhibition yesterday and it is lovely but so sad, when one thinks of what is happening to-day in Greece. They had beautiful exhibits, many ancient cups and statues, and also some good casts and copies. I think it was extremely well arranged and one has a chance to understand them more than when they are all piled up in a museum, for there were only two or three objects in every case. There is an enchanting head of a spirited horse and a small boy, with even the mark of the pick on it, where it was once turned up in a ploughed field.

They had in another room exhibits of proposed changes when London is re-build but I found them disappointing ...too much rebuilding on old lines and not enough imagination. Still, they seem to please some. I loved the new architecture of Holland and Finland, I shall never forget the lovely post office in the middle of Helsinki, it was both practical and blended so beautifully with the landscape and there were buildings at the Hague as beautiful as I have seen anywhere.

All our love and we both hope so much that you will have a pleasant time this Fall and good news from your son,

Byker

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