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You must look after the garden  
and teach Alice to love flowers  
and teach Johnnie to like the  
birds and fishes and squirrels.

I get more pleasure out of  
the memory of my dozens of pets  
than I do out of almost anything  
else in my memory. Stock their

memories with the most  
wonderful things. I like the  
present but much of it is irritating

I love the past and memory  
is my nicest playground - next  
to reading David Harum!

I'm afraid Johnnie will  
learn to say dozens of things  
while he's away. I'm afraid  
he'll come back to me with  
a great chunk of interesting  
chapters missing.

Give your mother my love

and tell her to be good and eat her porridge or I'll send her one of my St Matthews or St Marks that she used to send me when she thought I was 'nt good. Not good enough for her little Lois anyway! I guess she was right.

Please give my love to Clare.

Don't you and Clare omit to have some fun every day. Don't be

any more lazy about your fun than you are about your household duties. I know the scarcity of young men must be hard ~~and~~ on such flirts.

My love and a kiss to you and the youngsters. Don't let them forget their Daddy. Yours affectionately Edward.