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Wednesday

My dear Eric,

I have received your letter, and was glad to hear that you made Mother's birthday a happy day. You wrote about Mother's birthday, you know. Say "Thankyou" for me to Edith for the two little dolls which she sent.

Do you know I was up at the Zoological gardens two days ago. Mother knows a great deal about the Zoological gardens and will tell you about the lions and the tigers and the monkeys which are there. But I will tell you about the white elephant which is on exhibition there. They call it a white elephant but only its forehead and <sup>trunk</sup> toes are white.

All the meat of the elephant is  
grey. Some day I hope when  
you are a big boy, you will be  
able to come over to London &  
see the Zoological gardens for  
yourself.

Do you know some days ago  
I went to see a large school here,  
with about 900 boys in that  
school who live there and have  
lessons there and only go home  
sometimes to see their friends for  
a day or two. They are called blue  
coat boys because they wear a  
dark blue coat with long skirt  
like a dressing gown, and they  
have yellow stockings, and shoes  
and a belt. But they do not  
ever wear any hat at all. How  
would you like that?

Do you know Eric that there  
are a great many people in the  
streets in London, and they all  
appear to be going somewhere, but  
they never seem to get there; &  
sometimes they are very provoking  
because they run into you, and  
sometimes they stop & look into a shop  
& you run into them, and sometimes  
they talk to a friend & then you have  
to walk round into the muddy

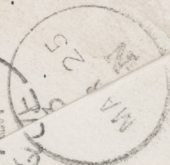




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