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My dear Clare,

We received letters from
Mother, Bernard & Lois yesterday and
were very glad to get them and to
hear that everything was going on well
at Trinis. We are remaining here
rather longer than we intended
because by waiting until the 21st we
could get a passage on the largest
boat from Hull - the "Eldorado," -
one of the Wilson line. It is
often very rough crossing to Norway
but I am hoping that we may
come in for one of the smooth
trips. Day before yesterday Conrad
& I were at the Wallace gallery
and there encountered Dr. Gardner,
Dr. Shepherd & Dorothy Shepherd. They

seemed very glad to see us and it is just possible that they may cross to Norway on the same ship that we are going by and spend a few days with us there. I do not, however, think this is very likely. Shephard has not been very well and was looking quite fagged when we saw him.

Lindsay Russell called upon us yesterday, but we were out at the time. I, however, hunted them up this morning and compared notes with them. They spent 5 days at Chester before coming up to London and enjoyed the place greatly. They were at the Blossoms Hotel where Mother stayed. Both of them are looking well. They leave for Scotland on Tuesday next and mean to spend several weeks there and then to return to London.

We have done many things in this great city, but have left still more undone. Conrad cares little for picture galleries, but enjoys such things as the exhibit.

of models of machinery and models of all kinds of ships at South Kensington. The Natural History Museum appealed strongly to him and also the Zoo. We were at the Zoo for the second time to-day - in fact spent most of the day there and the boys would fain have lingered there still longer. It is certainly ~~an~~ fascinating place for any one interested in animals and I kept wishing that Bernard and the younger children were with us. How Poppy would enjoy the monkeys!

Sunday, July 19th

I must try and finish my letter now. On the whole we have had good weather while in London and I have had very little rheumatism - an enemy from which I am not sorry to be comparatively free. Mrs. Peter Redpath invited

us to dine there yesterday, but Con. was going to Birley with Victor and I went out to Chislehurst for afternoon tea, but did not remain for dinner. Dr. & Mrs Borey, Erica & Quintin were all there, also Fritz Doyall. The grounds were looking beautifully - such quantities of flowers. Your memory was still green there, and both Mrs R and Miss Woods sent love to you. Aunt flo and Victor have just been here. Aunt f. is taking the boys to the guards' Church, but I am remaining in to try and write a few letters. Aunt flo. and Uncle Rankine have both been most kind to the boys. They seemed really delighted to see us and of course I have in no way alluded to the past. Aunt G. has bought a house and is very anxious for me to see it, but I do not know whether I shall be able to at present. Margaret is looking exceedingly well, but is more spoiled than ever and allowed to do practically whatever she likes. One of the first things she said to me was "How is Professor Owens?"

We have seen nothing further of Shepherd & Jordan and conclude that they are not going to Norway. We have invitations from Lord Strathcona for a garden party at Knebworth on Thursday next, but cannot go as we leave here on Sunday. We shall also miss Uncle Hope and Aunt Eva who I hear are coming up to London this week.

Your loving Father.

Tell Ruth that I had a note from her old friend Saddy yesterday and expect that he will be looking us up.