

Ans'd.
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Dear Tom,

Thank you for your greetings. I meant to put a note in with our card but just didn't get round to it - each Christmas seems to come round more quickly as one gets older & this time it was a double celebration as Boz was twenty one on Christmas Day. He had a party on Christmas Eve & we cut his cake at mid-night. Then his

Friends tossed him in a blanket
Twenty-one times — much to my
relief he survived this & so did
the furniture but only just.

Jessica came home from Switzer-
land for good in October. Since
then this has been like a
hotel with Swiss, German &
Utahain visitors. Bob has a
Swedish girl friend so that adds
to the fun or should I say
work! I imagine Edith has
plenty to do with all your
grandchildren — I envy you
in a way. My lot are
very slow to get married —

You must let me know the title of your new book as then I can get it to read & then send it to Doll. This gives her great pleasure. Is it a novel? So many of the novels of today I find unsatisfactory but I have just read T. W. White's "The Once & Future King" which I thought was wonderful & "A Talent for Loving" by Richard Condon - the funniest book I have read in years - I loved it. Perhaps you are too busy writing to find time to read anything but reference books.

can't think why I shall be very
glad when the boys have
someone else to iron their
shirts. I heard last week that
Aunt Elsie had gone into hospital
to have her leg amputated & I'm
so sorry as she is such a darling,
so brave & has a wonderful sense
of humor. However, if all goes
well she might be O.K. again
but it is a big operation to face
when she is over eighty. I heard
too, from Aunt Doll for Christmas.
She has two grandsons who keep
her busy & I think she has quite
a tough life - it is so primitive
where she is in the Argentine.

1. I have been very worried about the unhappy situation in Rhodesia & am looking forward to seeing my sister when she comes home for two months holiday in May. She comes from Zambia & is so sick of politics. I don't think politicians will ever give us world peace, perhaps the leaders of the various churches would have more hope.

Ralph has had a trip to Canada but only for the weekend. He went to Niagara on business. He has now

been made Chief Gen. Manager
of the Westminster Bank & this is
the top of the tree so we feel very
proud of him although I don't
envy him the work & responsibility,
Not a lot of financial gain as
most of it goes in tax but he is
happy & enjoys his work & that's
all that matters. I write so
seldom I forget the things I have
told you. Ralph & I went on
a trip to Greece & Israel last
Spring which was most interesting
& Ralph was like a mad thing
with his camera - On the way
home we had a couple of days in

Venice which is enchanting & every bit as fascinating as I had imagined. We arrived home to the sad news that my Father had died. I wasn't really surprised although very sorry that I wasn't with him. He died as he wished - quickly - & even did the Times crossword in the morning & he was eighty-one.

We get lots of tedious social affairs in connection with Ralph's job & most free evenings, he likes to spend at home but we make it a rule to get to the 'old Vic' which is now our

National Theatre & here they
put on some wonderful plays.

Last week we saw 'Laurence
Oliver' in 'Othello' & the best
production of all is I think

"The Royal Hunt of the Sun"
by Peter Schaffer. You must see
this if it ever comes to New York.
It is about the Spaniards conquest
over the Incas - I'd like to go to
Mexico & Peru. What about your
Edith coming over here & our booking
up for some plays? Do love I love
bored you with my chatter - there
are so few Raddalls left now I feel
~~with~~ we should keep in touch. Regards
to Edith, Nellie & Hilda & best
wishes to you all for '66. YH Phil.

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From
Phyllis Elliott

Nov. 1st.

Dear Tom,

Charles & his family
have just come down to spend
two weeks with us & he has
been telling me about the
visit he paid to you & Edith.
It was so kind of you to
motor all that way to & from
the airport & for Edith to
put him up at such short
notice. There is no doubt that
he had a most enjoyable time
& I do thank you for your

hospitality. I didn't know he
was coming! It was nice that
he was able to meet Nellie -
we are still hoping to but our
travels don't take us your way.
Ralph & I have just come
back from Hong Kong where
the National Westminster have
opened an office. It was
very hot & humid. We had
an interesting dinner with
the Bank of China who want
Ralph to go to Peking but
he really wants to retire

next Spring - he has already
retired from management but
was made Deputy Chairman &
Chairman of Lombard Banking
but now he thinks he should
get out altogether. I think he
will find plenty to do at
St. Hendra, unless you & he has
interests in Cheshire Homes &
the Salvation Army.

Jessica has come back to
work in London, still with the
International Wool Secretariat
& has bought a flat but still
comes home most weekends.

She is very thrilled as last
week she won a competition
promoted by Jaeger & the Evening

Standard & has been given a
Two week Safari holiday in
Africa & two Jaguar out fits.

Boy is already in Africa
on business but I think this
will be his last trip.

Christmas is looming up again
how quickly the year has
gone. My Sister & her husband
from Rhodesia are coming to
stay for five weeks in December
I hope we shall be able to
keep off politics.

I hope your book is progressing
well - Charles says that you
have reached 1947.

Greetings to you both & many
thanks for yr kindness to Charles,
Thip.