

Letter from Mary Prior to Arthur Norman Prior, undated¹

My darling,

Only time for a brief note before lunch.

I've been getting on like a house on fire this morning.²

At last getting the significance and tie up of some things wh. were eluding me, and that is, of course immensely helpful.³ One goes ahead again.*⁴

The past day⁵ has been uneventful. No letter from you yesterday, but as I got so {2} many Sat. and Mon. it couldn't be expected.

So I've been re-reading your old letters. They are so nice. There's so much I've got to ask you, and talk of I long for tomorrow evening[.]

Kisses and kisses

Polly.

P.S. Love to Mum and Dad⁶

P.P.S. I'll meet train

¹ This letter has been edited by Martin Prior, Peter Øhrstrøm and David Jakobsen. It is part of the Martin Prior Collection, presently kept at Aalborg University folder B, item 1-1. The letter is written on standard unheaded writing paper. Furthermore, the letters B1, item 1 to 3 was enclosed in an envelope (perhaps by Mary) postmarked 15th October 1947. The envelope is from Canterbury University College and addressed to Timaru where Mary's parents lived, while Mary was in Christchurch for her philosophy studies. It is quite likely that Prior would have visited them and picked up the letters from her parents. See also B1 items 2 and 3.

² Editor's note: Arthur and Mary experienced fire in their home on two occasions. For reason given in later notes this letter was probably written after the second fire so there may have been a touch of humor here.

³ Editors' note: According to Martin Prior, Mary studied for an M.A. in Philosophy, so that she may well have been preparing for this at the time of the letter.

⁴ Editors' note: It is unclear what the asterisk refers to.

⁵ Editors' note: Before the word 'day', Mary has written 'few' and crossed it out.

⁶ Editors' note: Mary's parents were living in Timaru until the end of 1949 and then they moved to Dunedin. According to Martin Prior this means that the letter is most likely written after 1949. At that time Mary was finishing off her M.A. in Philosophy.