

## Letter from Mary to Arthur Prior, undated<sup>1</sup>

Wednesday

Dearest,

Your letter today told of your evening at Knox<sup>2</sup> at morning tea with Soper<sup>3</sup>. It was fascinating to get all the news and gossip.

Mum wasn't able to come up today. She's a bit out of sorts – nothing serious, dad says, but the doctor says she needs a day or two in bed. It was disappointing. I had a letter from Vernon Terrace to us both from yr parents. Your father has a slipped disc. I'll enclose a letter with this. Poor chap, I imagine it must be most painful. Dad was up this afternoon – very good mood really, but needs to kept off gloomy subjects. It must be unpleasant being him, I'm {2} afraid.

Now I must close. What a little letter compared with your wonderful ones. But the only news I have is over 11 years old

– I love you.

Kisses

- Mary

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<sup>1</sup> Editors' note: 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 C, item 5. The letter is written on standard unheaded writing paper. It was kept in an envelope stamped 11. August 1954.

<sup>2</sup> Editors' note: Knox College in Dunedin. It was a theological college, where Prior stayed during his studies from 1932 – 1937. He was enrolled at the college from 1932 – 1936.

<sup>3</sup> Editors' note: Possibly Frederick George Soper, then Vice Chancellor of Otago University.