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Dear Ruth,

I wonder how you are enjoying your journey? We are thinking about you so much, all the time. Thank you very much for the card. The children too, were very pleased with their card. Miss Ballinson arrived back at mid-night last Tuesday.

It was a hard parting, Ruth, & we shall miss you very much. You have been so long with us, & shared our home. Ann will miss you too. We shall look forward so much to hearing of your happy home life with mother & father. It is a joy to us to feel that you are re-united with them after all these years apart. We wish you every happiness & success in the coming years. I hope that we shall soon hear that you have settled down in a new school, & have made new friends. Write to us often - & tell us all about yourself. We shall be very anxious - you &

Auntie Agnes were very disappointed to
hear that you had to go before they came
down to the new house. However, you know
where it is, & what it is like, so you can
imagine them there. They wanted to see you
before you left. Loretta & Ruthie miss you
very much - they keep talking about you.

I thought you would like a short
letter when you arrive in America. I
expect everything will seem very strange
at first but you will soon get used to it.
I hope you will see Marion - give our love
to her, please. And to Leifried if you see
him. Our thoughts will be very much with
you, Ruth, - I know you will miss us all
too at first. Ann will be very lonely when
Friday & Saturday nights come round -
no cosy bedroom chat, and read together.
She always looked forward to that, I think
you did, too. There is not very much news to
give you - Mr De Lee is coming on Monday
to teach Mr Byrne's class for a few weeks.
We do not know when Mr Byrne will
return. A lot of the little ones have had
colds. I hope you kept warm on the ship. Did
the stewardess look after you well? She
promised that she would. Did you see
much of Minnie Klein? Mr Benham & Ann
join me in sending love to you - write to
us soon & often - we will write to you
again before long. Our kindest regards
to your parents - Yours affectionately,
Hannah E. Benham.



Photographed on board
R.M.S. "QUEEN ELIZABETH"