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Dear Miss Swan -

about a fortnight ago, I received the nice calendar with your kind words and thank you very much for it and for having thought of me. It is a pity that I cannot keep up all the correspondence I should like to; otherwise I would have written you long ago to tell you that regular letters from Woodbrooke are informing me about their lives over there. Prof. Wood wrote me six pages; and he who knows how difficult it is for him to sit down at the desk for private correspondence, will understand how happy I am about such distinction. He has little time to go to Woodbrooke, ^{after} having become professor in Birmingham University, and turns up there only once a week. His exact report I get through Margaret Woodell, the librarian, who on the one hand complains that Woodbrooke is still rather aloof from the noise of the war, on the other appreciates that this may be its special task in war time. Some other Old-Woodbrookers, too, wrote me, but not yet Horace Alexander to whom I wrote twice, meanwhile. Of course Miss M. Pierce is writing regularly. Fritz Jinn is still in our camp and directing our library. Hans Lintau, our other Old-Woodbrooker, who was head of the school for one term, is head of the English department, and moreover gardening. After a time of reading (Macaulay, Trevelyan etc) I have to teach ^{again} more now: English History since 1688, parsing and analysing English sentences, German, and those private lessons for a few back pupils I ^{have} used to do all the time. - I very much hope that you are well and not affected by the new events more than the general public. Please remember me to Dr. Morris and Miss St. Pruntying. All the best wishes and once more many thanks,

Yours sincerely,
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