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May 14th 1934^{sic} {1935}. Nazareth –

Dear Mother.

I am sitting in the bus waiting for it to start for Jerusalem. Yesterday I shared a car with two other people, we left Jerusalem at 9 o'clock, had lunch here at 12.30, visited the church of the annunciation & saw the cave where they say the Angel appeared to the Virgin Mary. then we continued to the Sea of Galilee. we passed through the most glorious scenery, & saw lots of Biblical places, including the great plain where Saul was defeated by the Phillistinessic & the hill where he met the witch of Endor. The Sea of Galilee is very beautiful 682 ft below sea level. the snow capped heigthsic of Mount Hermon is visible as one goes down to the lake, we stayed in a hostel kept by Father Tepper. we were very comfortable & the food was plain & good. after tea we hired a boat and visited the ruins of Capernium^{sic} {Capernaum}. my Arabic

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the Temple Area. in which stands the Dome of the Rock & the Mosque of Omar. They are so beautiful that I do not know how to attempt to describe them. they are built of Marble & Persian tiles & the dome of a dark metal, inside is the Rock. it is the top of Mount Moriah where Abraham offered up Isaac, & where Mahommed accended to heaven on his horse. There are still traces of the Crusaderssic work to be seen, they turned it into a Christian Church when they occupied Jerusalem, but most of their additions were pulled down when Saladin reconquered it & raised the crescent again in place of the cross. I am glad I was not disappointed in the Dome of the Rock. it is one of the things I have always wanted

to see & I had formed my idea of it from paintings which are often apt to idealize, but no painting I have seen has been able to capture the effect of the turquoise & lapis lazuli of Persian tiles seen against the blue of the sky & set off by warm tinted marble, & by way of contrast the dark green of cyprus^{sic} trees, it is a thing of beauty I can never forget.

This afternoon Miss Murray & I went for a ramble through the old town & took photographs. it is rather difficult to <do> so, as small boys will gather round as soon as they see the cameras & in the effort of dodging them one is apt to forget to focus properly however I hope some will be successful. I found the expected letter from Cooks^{sic} awaiting me, they say that the

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Jap boat is full. but <they> can get me a single cabin on the P&O sailing a day earlier, I have accepted this, it arrives in London May 31st. this rather upsets my plan for having the car to meet me, as it is hardly worth paying a whole months^{sic} licence to use it for only one day. the Jap boat was due June I which would have fitted in beautifully, but never mind, I will be home one day earlier & will come from the dock by train as usual.

I am going to Jerice/<h>o tomorrow & from there to the Dead Sea, & the next day I fly back to Cairo, have one full day there & embark from Port Said on the 19th. I have been buzzing about the world lately.

I enclose a card giving George instructions

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about the car will you hand it in at the Vale Garage when you are passing

Love to you both. Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

I expect my next letter will be from Marseilles as there will not be another mail leaving before my boat sails.