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Beach Hotel
Littlehampton

Dear Miss Hooley

Thank you most cordially for your two letters, & the MSS. I'm reading them with real refreshment & pleasure. You have a charming gift; and there's such freshness & open air in them. I'm keeping them a little longer for my wife to read if you don't mind.

You will have seen that the Knighthood was all a phlip. I refused, & the announcement was corrected in yesterday's papers. It's been a great worry. I only had word of it at 9.30 pm on New Years Eve and my telegram of refusal was too late.

Literature is of a different world from titles to my thinking.

With best wishes for the New Year

& again mining the matter

Yours sincerely

J. Galsworthy