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CHURCH ROAD,
FLEET, HANTS.

Today

Thursday Dec 10:

My dear Philip

The porter at Waterloo
tried to take the picture
to carry it for me — *I said,
"No, you don't, — That doesn't
go out of my hands" — &
told him what it was;
upon which he agreed with
me!

Mother thinks it is simply
wonderful, & was delighted. I
have not seen her so

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pleased with any thing
for ages. The whole household
were struck dumb with
surprise & admiration.
But I wish you could have
heard the comments of a
man friend of many years
standing who saw it
yesterday. He thinks it
is too marvellous - "never
saw such a like was -
perfectly lovely - absolutely
your expression - yes,

sometimes you look as nice
as that "!! I was
gazed at, made to stand
in every possible light
& position, so was the
drawing, & it was
thoroughly impressed on
me, if I hadn't known it
before, what a lucky creature
I am.

Philip dear, I know I am
lucky to have it, & I am
still more lucky to have
it given me with such
kindness of heart, & I
do assure you I am

Grateful with my whole heart.

It was a lovely time with you & Lucy & I was completely happy.

I hope "Ethel Lady B-J" is nice & paintable. Long it went to £800. You need not have wondered of course it did, though it might have gone even higher in a less expensive time of year. What a thrill!

Very best love, & wishes for a happy and restful Christmas!

Yours ever Maryine,