

9, GORDON STREET,
GORDON SQUARE. W.C.

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Dear Mr. Mauro

I have never doubted your judgment. & I believe now that things will shortly be as you say. - but the times are so abnormal that no-one with any imagination - can practically consider the future - & as - under these circumstances - no positively favourable date of postponement was a word to be suggested. While commercial & other conditions - together with our own personal affairs are absolutely obscure - I think you will see that my only practical alternative was to release you altogether from a tiresome & as you feel it "stupid" undertaking or to ask you to print the book & let it take its chance with everything else in the general lottery.

No doubt as when - as through - you have shown me so much consideration, I seem

to have little for so an exceptionally
anxious & embarrassing time - but frankly
it is not now - with us - so much a
matter of getting the watched little book
"of my heart" as one of sentiment -
(which I wish I could afford to pay for)
friends - who not so many months ago
would have taken a personal interest
in it being no longer alive - & others
- under the present chaotic conditions
wishing me anyhow to get it out.

Such satisfaction as I might have
had in it is very definitely clouded
by the fact that it is being published
reluctantly - at an unreckoned cost.

Sincerely yours

Charlotte Mew.

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