

Hotel St. Lucia

27 Jan. 6.45

## Own Precious

The staff safely over -  
good crossing (no very hot) & so  
quick that we got to the Arsenale  
at 5.30 - & no S. G. motor or Giovanni  
& met us !! After various delays  
we had to leave my 2 boxes & come  
by porters (20 lire) & come here in a  
taxi. Here Mr. Mottans explained  
that he was sending motor & G. to  
meet the P. Mafalda - by wh. I  
had told him I was coming. This  
was the mistake - the P. M. leaves C  
at 4.30 & we came by the Regina  
Elena wh. is the one that does not  
stop on the way. However, it did

not be helped & V. I have had  
an excellent tea & feel refreshed -  
but my Precious I am always missing  
you sadly & longing to be near you.  
I am hoping that the perfect  
quiet, even from the many loving  
thoughts for your old mother, may  
be a much-needed rest for you,

No more now, Mlle de S. has just  
~~written very quickly & I have not~~  
I am going to have dinner in bed.

Best dearest most loving love  
to you my darling

Your own loving  
Mother.