

105. Oakley St
Chelsea.

Thursday,

My dear Douglas:

For a long time I've wanted to ask
you if I might dedicate my next book
to you, only for so long there wasn't a
new book being published. Now ^{in a proper edition} Wisbeast
is bringing out a large-ish collection of
stories in January, I'd be so very glad
if I might have the honour of dedicating
it to you; in memory of our long friendship
& of all I owe you, & all my work owes
you, & all ^{that} the people I love owe & have
owed to you.

Let me know if I may - as it's just
about to be printed -

Always - Mary