

The Girl I Left Behind – Setting

References to time

It is evening and the I-narrator is on her way home: “It was just gone quarter past six when I left the office” (219)

“Late autumn always sets my fancy towards sad ideas.” (219)

“That morning I had arrived at the office [...].” (220)

“By noon, Mr Letter had calmed down a little [...].” (220)

“A clock struck quarter past seven as I got off the bus.” (222)

References to place

The narrator calls the “great office buildings” (219) “dingy premises” (222).

In Mark Letter’s “office-box” (221), there is “a swivel chair behind his desk” (221).
“the sad side street to our office” (222)

The narrator’s lodgings

The narrator’s “landlady” (222)

“the stairs to [her] room” (222)

“I sat for a moment in the chair in the hall.” (222)

Mark Letter lives “alone in a house at Roehampton.” (221)

Roehampton was originally a village which became a popular residential area for the wealthy within easy reach of London.