

Eltham

Edgcliff Road

Nov. 23

My dear friends,

Although I am much  
troubled with wak-  
kening to lecture every  
night, and not having  
such perfect sleep  
as I got at Hobart -  
I must not let even  
one mail go without  
congratulating you  
on the birth of your  
new boy, and gratefully

acknowledging your  
exceeding good will in  
giving him my name.

Gratefully - yet rather  
tremblingly, - for now  
I must try and 'live  
up to' that baby,  
in order that he shall  
not have reason in  
the future to regret  
the confidence of his  
parents. But I deeply  
appreciate this mark of  
your friendship, which  
is very dear to me.

I feel with you that  
 in the future we shall  
 have thoughts that  
 must pass and re-pass  
 between us. Hobart,  
 by you and your  
 circle of 'Friends in  
 Council', has been made  
 a beautiful souvenir  
 of my visit to the Antipodes.  
 My visit to Sydney has  
 not been a popular  
 or pecuniary success -  
 partly I believe because  
 of fulsome and outgardeny

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pretentious advertisements by  
my agent - but I have had  
a steady company of 150 to  
200 of the best people here,  
literary, university people,  
whose response to my  
lectures has been very  
warm & hearty. I am  
& lecture at the theater  
Sunday night & there  
shall no doubt have  
a crowd. I am staying  
here with kind friends  
(Herons) and shall leave  
Nov 30 on the 'Indus'!

The book & Lessons were  
confided to Mr Jeffray to send  
& I am writing to him by  
this mail. I will write you  
again. With love to your  
children, - your friend  
Helen J. Conway