

Generally +  
with much  
love for the dear  
little self I  
from the loving  
Daughter  
I wrote & told you  
what Tiger said  
of Tiger - the lady  
gives the names  
of the dress which  
I was as delig  
to buy - I sh  
I hope you could  
buy me the same  
as I told the 'dear'  
the 80

My dearest little Mother  
I received  
the long expected & welcome  
letter on Wednesday evening.  
I had started early in the morn-  
ing to go out to Carlton to take  
dinner with Mrs Holmes. It  
was a very wet day but as I  
had promised to go having  
sent her a Post-card I did not  
like to disappoint her as very  
likely, I should not have time  
to go again - I found her  
not very well, but very glad  
to see me Mrs Holmes has nothing  
to do at present - being one of  
those put out of employment

about six weeks ago - by the  
government. She is very cheer-  
ful & happy notwithstanding  
the many troubles she has gone  
through. I stayed till nearly  
5 o'clock & then came into  
London to catch the St. Kilda  
train to go & have tea with Mrs  
Anson but much to my  
disgust I saw it moving out  
of the station as I got there so  
I had to wait 20 m. not reaching  
Albert Park till nearly 6. Mrs  
A. had nearly given me up  
she had asked us to go & spend  
the day but I had written to  
tell her that Alice could not  
come (having the dress maker)  
& should only be able to come  
in the afternoon. They wanted  
me to stay all night but as  
I knew Mrs C. would be anxious  
I having gone to Carlton.

I stayed there rather late & till  
nearly dark. Mrs. A. & Carrie  
came & saw me into the train  
& I hoped to be able to catch the  
bus from St. Kilda to Winder  
so that after I got out of the bus  
I should only have about  $\frac{1}{4}$   
of an hour's walk. When I got  
to St. Kilda unfortunately there  
was no bus & would have to  
wait more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour  
& quite dark so I consider what  
was best to be done & came to  
the conclusion I had better stay  
& walk as if I had taken a car  
even to Chapel St. it would  
cost me 2/- I was a little nervous  
at first as it was near election  
time & a great many people  
about but I walked with  
my head in the air & arrived  
safely home a little before  
9. there by saving 3/- at least

They all exclaimed at me for  
coming all that way by my-  
self but I knew I was all right  
& there was nothing there to be  
dreaded was rewarded on my  
return by finding 4 letters  
for me - Three, one from  
Lizzie one from George & one  
from Emma Lynn quite a  
feast!

I was very sorry dear that though  
thought I had neglected to tell  
thee about my writing to  
Lou, as when I said I had been  
writing to him now & then  
I quite thought thou knewest  
or should certainly <sup>have</sup> explained  
I used to leave Lou's letters in  
my drawers that any one if  
they had liked might have  
read them & as sometimes  
thou used to make allusions  
to many about Lou I quite

though - though knew although  
I had never told thee. In fact  
it never entered into my  
head to tell thee. I always  
told the girls any news there  
was & of course we only wrote  
as friends or nothing more -  
I felt rather hurt that - thou  
shouldst have thought I had  
tried to keep it from thee  
for it was quite unintentional  
I told Mrs Crosby all about it  
& gave her thy letter to read  
she is such a dear little thing  
I can't bear the thought of coming  
away & leaving her -

All this week we have been  
planning our - as it will be  
our last week that is if we  
go in the beginning of the next  
as Alice wants - they keep trying  
to put us off but Alice is quite

firm & says she must go if  
I stay - so of course I submit  
I shall <sup>have</sup> leave by the steamer  
on the Thursday or Friday  
but she wants to go on the  
Tuesday or Monday as she  
says she does not like getting  
home on Saturday night -  
as if that will make any  
difference but she is very  
fussy & generally ends in  
getting her own way although  
it is very bad for her I am  
sure - It has been wet since  
Wednesday yesterday was very  
wet but today it is fine although  
windy & cold quite a change  
after the hot days we have been  
having. Tuesday was very  
hot & we were all in bath  
nearly the whole day. the night  
was unbearable almost &  
I scarcely got a wink of sleep

I don't seem to have much to say today but as the mail closes tomorrow morning early I was obliged to write -

It was Mrs. Hatch's birthday yesterday she was 78 yrs. She has been staying over with Mrs. Basters for a fortnight but came back Sat. Wednesday.

We formed a procession into her room before she was out in the morning bearing good wishes & presents. She never comes out to breakfast but is generally dressed & up.

There was quite a newsy letter I don't hear much news from my family. I often enquire after various people but never hear any thing of them. Kidley said in his last letter that it was I advised him a letter but

if he comes to look I am sure he will find he is mistaken never mind I will see you soon & then we can all settle up old scores. I generally write to each in turn as much as possible poor old Betty I must write to him before I come back but the time is short & there are such a number to write to. Mr. Robertson has just come in so no more writing for the present! He nearly always comes over on Sunday afternoon. If the girls are going to give me any commissions they had better be quick or it will be too late also I shall want money for a pair of shoes I shall have enough to pay for them. I never saw such a place for spending money nor that I have been extravagant. I think

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but as Mrs C. says <sup>you</sup> has any  
~~an~~ idea how much money  
you get through till one has  
been away themselves &  
I am sure had it. - Now  
dear if I write any more  
to thee you will suffer as  
to morrow Mrs Cook is coming  
to work & I shall not have  
any time to devote to him  
except this evening. I hear  
from him generally twice  
a week but when they are  
very busy, only once. It  
has been so very hot up on  
the station when I heard from  
him last week he said he  
had been getting up a 4 -  
& not leaving off work till  
1/2 7. & 120. in the sun. Now  
don't <sup>you</sup> think he is to  
be pitied poor old fellow -  
I suppose thou wilt say it.

is good for him, but I don't  
think it is the best. I don't  
agree with him at all.

Mr. C. has not been at all well  
this week two or three mornings  
had breakfast in bed, but  
is better the last two days.  
They think it is the liver.  
So many people suffer from  
that over here. Hope Fanny  
Kest got the thing she asked  
me to get & which I sent by  
J. Bailey. It was the best I could  
do as she did not say what  
it was for or what width so  
I had to guess by the price.  
Hope the children & Robert are  
better also George. Give them  
all my love also Misses Kest,  
Aunt N., Miss Giblin. H. & A. tell  
Adah with my love that I think  
from the tone of her letter that  
it is she who needs suppressing  
Love to the dear old boy & the family

generally +  
with much  
love for thy dear  
little self  
from thy loving  
Daughter

Ma

I wrote & told Tom  
what tiger said  
that they had  
given the account  
that said I be  
lived I was delight  
to get it - but I  
knew this could  
never be so cruel  
as to do to the dear

My dear little Mother

They long expected a welcome

Heaven

9th 80

Dear