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My dear Aunt

I was in
Town yesterday & received
your bank dividend &
enclose you a cheque
for the amount. I am
thankful to be able to
write that Kate is getting
on remarkably well
notwithstanding that the
little boy has to be reared
by hand. He is a fine
healthy little fellow with



a good head & fine
bright eyes but I am
sorry to add with a hair
lip & split gum which extends
across the palate of the
mouth. The lip is easily
remedied but the other is
a more serious affair
& may affect the speech
unless capable of being
remedied. However I am
very thankful that both
Mother & child are doing
so well & will not trouble
myself about defects
which force of character

may enable the little fellow
to overcome, ^{need} not be a barrier
to his being a good if not
a great man some day.

One of the leading men in
Sydney a Mr Robinson the
premier ~~there~~ has no palate
yet ~~has~~ attained that ^{high} ~~high~~ ^{position}
position of premier there.

I do not know whether I
shall be able to come & see
you just yet for I do not
know in the first place
whether I can get any
one to stay with Kate
Mrs Clarke & one of the girls

are going with Mr Clarke to
Hobart Town & as there will
be only one daughter left at
home (Fanny has not yet returned
from New Zealand) Miss Moriarty
will have to return to Mountford.
I wish you would come &
stay with us yourself. I
think we could manage
to make you comfortable
I would try to make arrange-
ments about Kate during my
absence if you would let me
drive you across in your
carrage. With kind remembrance
to Miss Bourne & I remain
Your affectionate nephew
Edw Westcott.