Hobart, 25 June 1892

Sat. a.m.

Dear old Doo,

I haven't been able to begin your letter until just now, that is half past 4. To show you the reason, I may say that it is getting dusk already being a cloudy afternoon. The report about the little kitten is on the whole better this week. At the beginning of the week we had a spell of mild warm weather and she was much better. On Tuesday and Wednesday she sat up all evening. I hear while she was reading 'Friends' and 'Illustrated News.' She looks quite cheerful and happy. On Wednesday night the weather changed. It must have been the tail end of the storm the weather prophets have been predicting, for the wind in a few hours worked
Dear [Name],

I have received your kind letter dated [Date] and am pleased to hear from you. I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying your stay in [Location].

I am glad to hear that you are enjoying your time in [Location]. I have been thinking about you often and hope you are feeling well.

I had a pleasant visit to the [Location] yesterday. The weather was perfect, and I enjoyed a walk in the park. I hope you are also enjoying the weather.

Please write back soon and let me know how you are doing. I look forward to hearing from you again.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
I flatter myself it is an oppression
of her qualities.

Sad had her breaking up on
Thursday night, the day before the
school breaking up there were 10 or
12 girls there and they seem to have
had a cheerful time. I went over
after I just in time for refreshment.

The rooms are very nice & their
furniture neat & well looking.

Mrs. M's big room makes a capital
large school room if the one kept
in facing Brady Street is a good
class room. Opposite what was
Mrs. M's sitting room in apparently
the kitchen of room 4 between
that & the large room is a
Clock room, which from the
sink etc. other signs I take to have
been the kitchen.

I was arrived at the school
day, which begun Monday.

"1. Each girl must have a pair of shoes.
2. Each exercise must have a partner
and so forth," etc.

Mrs. Anderson seems very happy
contented about their school
and prospects.

Income is better. She had been
Staying at Graces. Must live in
the street to day. She looks well
and thin. I didn't think I wouldn't
be able to fix her to the Hospital
for some time. She had better give
it up. She experiences the air is
not good for her, but she is
not strong enough. I don't think
it is her vocation. Mrs. Dickins
has been staying at Head House
this week. Of course I have been
up there two or three times. E. D.
Blewes ordered a good deal of
not so much as the original.

Sophie has left the Hutchins
School. There is to be a rehearsal
here to night at the Masonic
Hall of a new scholar & friends.

Leaving, but I fear it will be
rather a cold affair. A cold
collation with Claret cup is not
Dec 20th—too exhilarating on a winter's night, I hope my first blast at the Skellings. Sir C Dobson (or Sir Dobson, as I heard him called the other day, is to take the chair. If he is funny, as he often is, quite unconscionable, I shall let you know.

By the way: Sir C is having his portrait published. The legal profession have been getting circulars from Reynolds & Co. Cheltenham, inviting subscriptions for a high class portrait, de luxe of his Honour MLA etc., which has been drawn from a fine photograph. It is drawn by: Austin, artist, proofs 11.5.0, and I expect there will be a rush for it. All the literary girls here and others are going in for the cause: Home Reading Union, which was started here at the AAU meeting on the lines of the Cheltenham Union. Mr Young (J. H.)
have begun work on the new account at the house in Augusta Road. S. Clunes, Mr. Dawson, a few or three more go. I Young asked me to join and going next Tuesday. They are reading Carlyle's Past and Present, with M. Conrad's Essays to follow, to be succeeded by Dickens, "Into the Last." I think it will be interesting, if I can squeeze out time to keep it up.

The Friends School has now about 180 or 140 scholars. I don't know how many, but this union will give me the opportunity of doing something here. It is not without interest.

There is very little news. There are very dull & business people. It is said we shall have electric trains at the beginning of the year, but we shall see. Old C. W. Brandts
been returned unsold to the legislative council in plan of poor old Geo Baker.

Have given up my Sunday School class in the afternoon. Told the boys that it was useless coming if they would not come to do they promised to come regularly in the morning. I will run it that way for a time. Perhaps until the new year when two boys are moved up, I may be able to run it again in the afternoon.

Mr. Clarke and I have been exercised lately about the transfer of the old high school building to the university. That the building has been kept all these years without going to ruin or being forfeited to government is largely owing to the trouble we have taken.

C. has taken, four old Scott 1st coming forward to prove as the man who is getting it for the university. Brit-Indians to understand the facts of the case.

There are two or three good

men likely to apply for the lecturership for classics of literature. One of them is Williams, a brother in law of Capt. Smith. Their wives were both Swinells. Another is J. T. Wood, former professor of English literature at Calcutta university - a very nice fellow. I rather think Williams is the most capable. Mr. Wood has some voice in the selection of my party.

The annual literary expenses are on just now. We have below 1000 to expend.

I mean to have sent draft for 100 this week, but I wish
P.S. 5.45.

Have just seen James Welch and arranged with him that you can draw £70 from his agent Holworthy Floo in one or more sums as you want it paid at any time. I will write you further next mail, but thought this would put your mind at rest & enable you to make what plans you thought best at coming back when you wish.