

pens & a bottle
of Kirby's marking
ink - by return
post - Don't forget.
I like the
newer kind of pattern
I think the
Iron Ball
is better to send
the things down
in good time &
I want a dozen
of the fringe
patterns you have
idea a very jolly one but
won't it be also a very expen-
sive. I foresee what my
office in the expedition will
be - Mentors incessantly preach-
ing caution in money matters
to recklessly extravagant
Selmaachus. I think Mentors
ought by rights to have been
a woman - they are naturally
so much quicker than men
in spying out the little weak-
nesses & failings of the people
they live with & so could guard

against them more easily &
I am sure in the matter of
my Calipers their penetration
would be immeasurably
superior. That is the reason
why in this enlightened 19th
century, at any rate, all the
mentors are women. And I
shall ^{have} all the look of a ge that
will be required in the posi-
tion, by the time we go over,
for what with the shortness
of the time now & the fearful
number of things I find I
have to get done before I go,
I am always assuring them
despairingly ~~or~~ ^{that} quite that
I shall be quite grey before
I get to the Exhibition. They
quite enter into the feelings
of the situation & Mr. Gatenby
says I am to write for a leader

comb. But he is wilfully
blind to the wrinkles I
have got, says he can only
see one & that is under my
chin when I arch my neck.
It is well he added that
clause or I should be more
indignant than I am at
present.

But now, I have ~~now~~ time
for talk, this is to be a strict-
ly business letter, so heap
yourself with all your faults
in the back ground, & don't
suggest any more subjects
on which I feel myself called
to unburden myself.

I haven't written to Fanny
& shall not do so till I
hear more from you about
the time you can go. I can
go almost when you like

The Grammar School breaks
up on the 15th, that will
be the Wednesday week be-
fore Xmas. Of course we
must arrange by the steam-
ers. I should think we could
hardly ^{help} staying a night in
Lanncoston. The Express
from Hobart gets in an hour
before the Longford train so
you could come & meet me
at the Station you see.
I will write Fanny as soon
as possible tho' I have any
amount of letters to write
& every moment is precious
just now. It is a great pity
we have missed the cheap
fares. I'm afraid it will
be awfully expensive. I had
no idea that the Armours
were coming over as they

seem to be, from what you say in your letter. It is rather a delusion.

I want you to get me some books for prizes for these boys. Alfred must have a prize for getting the most marks & I think I must give the other two something. I offered an improvement prize & I think that on the whole they are better both in lessons & behaviour than when I came. Some ^{days} they are good & then again they are rather riotous & have to be kept in. Altogether I think I must give all three something, they are dear boys & I can't be without one, even if I could decide which. Alfred has a great horror of anything 'evilish' & of fairy tales. He

likes real boyish books. I thought "Westward too" would be a good book. I haven't read it, but I have looked at it. What do you say, is it too old? They haven't a "Pilgrim's Progress" & I thought you ^{ought to get} one illustrated for one of the others. I think I must have plenty of good pictures. See what you can do & send them up in the parcel that will have to send me.

Last Wednesday afternoon we drove up to Woodside. I wish you had been up there it is a most charming drive to it. The place lies right under the Linn just below Brady's Look-out, & the road to "wisards" up hill & down dale thro' a picturesque country with bold, well wooded hills, & wide, you wonder there was room

for, in the middle distance
& foreground, & great dark
blue mountains looming in
the back ground; while at
constant points in the road
if you looked back to the
East, you could see the whole
of the Ben Lomond range lying
in the strong sunlight. Mrs.
Archer was at home but her
was busy shewing. The place
has rather a funeral look sur-
round by thick rows of poplars,
with the mansions of some
Archer patriarchs at one side.
I suppose you know they have
got Brambletye but Mrs.
Archer says she would not live
there for anything.

On Friday we had the
pleasure of Mr. Norman &
Gatenby's company to dinner

& tea. Then Mr. Gatenby drove
him on to Pisa. He has only
come over from Hulloorne for
a week. They ^{he} are trying to sell
the station. It wasn't a very
happy speculation that & the
Mr. Norman has got a good deal
of odium about it, one can't
help admiring his pluck & perse-
verance, if he had his way he
wouldn't sell now, he still
believes he could make it pay.
We went to church yesterday for
the first time since Michaelmas.
I was talking or rather listening to
Mr. Hooley. He was enquiring after
you. There has been another
death from diphtheria at the
gardener's cottage there.
Well I have exhausted ^{both my} time &
paper so no more, — I want
you to send me some fine

pens & a bottle
of "Peeby Marking
Ink" by return
post. Don't forget.

Tell Duke she
never sent a pattern
for a skirt & blouse
that it is too late
now. I'll order
a pair to send
the things sewed
in good time &
want a dozen
yards of the fringe
pattern 4 colors brown

what a very pretty one but
won't it be also a very expensive
one. I presume we had very
good patterns 4 colors brown

Office in the expedition with
the - Reuter necessarily proceed-
ing cautious in money matters,
particularly in business agent
St. Petersburg. I think Reuter
ought by rights to have been
a woman - they are naturally
so much quicker than men
in spring and the little weak
nerves & failings of the people
they live with & so could pass