

Robert Snow
15th of 8th Mo 1877

My very dear Sarah,

I took charge of the letter as thou wished me to do, and thou hast got all sent that thou ordered, and more than thou ordered. The dress had been got. It is not exactly what I should have chosen, but I hope thou wilt not dislike it. The girls got it, it was cheap that to them, I suppose was more than anything else. Had I chosen one it w^d have been darker & quicer. I have sent thee such lining as I thought thou might need. I got holland for the body but Lizzie thought the white union I have sent would do better.

No boots could be got at the office
so Lizzie has sent thee a pair
she had got at uncles for herself
because she had not time to see
about another pair. I hope the
bonnet will not come to grief,
although I fear it will, as Lizzie
tells me she has packed it with
the other things because Hedley
told her that the two small
parcels wth cost double ^{the} price of
one large one - I do not know
how many pairs of new drawers
thou took with thee, I had supposed
three; if so one pair is gone,
for I can only make out 11^{rs} &
I am sure 12 pairs were cut out
and made. - We received the
oranges for which we are much
obliged, they are very nice. Lizzie
has made a small quantity of

orange jam, but intends making
some more, or else some marmalade.

I am a good deal concerned to
find that thou art still not well;
I am afraid thou art visiting and
flying about too much. Too much
excitement is worse than too little.
I do not see what is to keep thee
in this lock-staisy state so long
without it is thy own fault.
Do what the doctor tells thee; and
take regularly what he gives
thou shalt do not play with thyself.
It is truly kind of the Goblins
and the Knights and other friends
to take so much care of thee,
but if thou wilt not take care
of thyself their care will be of
little use.

7th of 9 mo. This much was written to
go with the parcel, but did not

get sent so I will not waste paper
but add what more I may have to
say to it - I suppose thou hast been
told that our dear friends the Crosbys
were ordered to Melbourne for 6 Mos.
I am sorry to say they are gone. They
left on seventh day by the train
for Launceston to go direct from
the train to the steamer, so I suppose
they would arrive at Melbourne
this morning. Eliza Balch went with
them although she had thought of
taking lodgings here for a time -
I am much afraid they will not
get back in 6 mos. and I think
Catherine Crosbey fears it; she did not
at all like the move, but it seems
it had to be. Richard Crosbys
wife has presented her with a
little girl; it was born last sixth
day evening, and is said to be a little

Crosby. Marion Giblin has been far
from well for some time past but
is better than she was. Lizzie had
a letter from Mrs Nicholas by the
last mail she says ^{she} The last three months
has been so long it seems like three
years. I have quite made up my
mind to return to brighter skies
and warmer climate next year, that
is, if I am spared. This is a fearful
climate to live in for any one com-
ing from the south, it requires an
iron constitution and that I have ^{not}
I have well see by this quotation that
we shall soon see her back if her health
permits of her taking the voyage. She
has had rather a rough specimen
of the northern weather.

We are all very glad to hear of Doan's
Giblin's recovery and sincerely hope
his wife has not suffered in health.

by her anxious watching. Remember
us very kindly to both. Poor Dr
Atherton's ^{Dr} Transmanian friends seem
to have felt much sympathy for
him & his wife under their late
bereavement. Uncle Joseph's girls
said 'Not May Aunt' - and I heard
several other of his friends speak in
the same way, as if they could not
believe it, and express great sym-
-pathy - My very kind regards
and sincere thanks to Miss Knight
and her brother for all their kind-
-ness & care of thee. I have mention-
-ed her kindness to thee to some
who know her and who have been
asking after thee, and all have
expressed their opinion of the
kindness of her nature.

I must not forget to thank thee
for the photograph wh^{ch} I think

quite as good as any I have seen
which perhaps is not saying a great
deal for it; for neither thou nor
I are much flattered by the pho-
tographers - I am told I ought
to sit again, but I have not yet
yielded for I get nothing that I
like - Oh by the bye I have got a
very nice likeness of dear Joe en-
larged from the small one; done
by W. C. Wolley. Thank for the
shawl it w^{ould} be better rather longer
and it would be still better if it
could have been shaped for the elbow
but will be warm & comfortable
as it is. - I hope the bonnet will
be a success; but givele think my
bonnet will be comparisson
with it to any civilized unpre-
judiced eye