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My dear Anna Maria.

I tried to remember all I had to communicate yesterday, and regretted shortly after posting the letter, which required to be done before 1. P.M. that I had omitted a few things - I therefore intend to put the things down as I have opportunity, and they present themselves.

I was sorry to learn that thy fingers still suffer from the rheumatic affection, and that it is rather worse than better. I fear that the application of local remedies will not be very effective - though they ought to be tried and persevered in - but strengthening the system, should be adopted - and Dr. S. ought to administer such medicines in Pills as will be likely to be useful, and Diet. should also be considered.

The family are all much obliged for Dr. Story's kind suggestions for the use of Elyth Sanders, and alleg^t Phillips desires me to express the same acknowledgements for the Prescription and advice. She desires me also to request thy acceptance of her love, Rachel also and Dr. S.

I am intending to visit Warden this afternoon - have purchased Hay of Cape Oats, and a dozen V R No 1 Plough Shares - Oats 4/16, and bushels - Shaper 12/16 - and I am going to pack the shares with Oats - also Prof Longmole's - in which I intend to enclose a few birds and some specimens of Minerals. The Bellacollars

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is the - and by her probably, this Oats &c will be
sent to J. W. Mather for transmission to Kalamon
I managed to get to the Cousin (Lion) Telny yesterday
He looks aged, is 70, and cannot he says do much
I saw his Wife and 4 Daughters - (two twins) they
are all engaged in tuition. Two have the Government
School in Windley Street, the other two a Ladies
School at home. His wife is also living - I am to
go there again, if possible, to Sea - before I leave.

I did think of purchasing 2 days shares, but did not think
me that perhaps some had been sent for to Melbourne
and then again - I did not know the No of the shares.
I don't know whether the Cape Oats will be approved
of, but they will over about two acres, and some can
be cut for 1 day, and some for 2. Joseph Barrett thrashes
and the Oats, which he cuts with a scy the, and gives
the straw to the cattle and horses, who eat it with
avidity. He considers the straw invaluable and far
beyond Wadley straw for fodder. The Oats require to
be cut before the straw is too ripe - or dry.

J. Barrett's black Smells nearly as well as hay.
Mount Barker 23rd; I arrived here soon after
six last evening, not having announced my returning
had to walk and carry my Carpet Bag, found all
pretty well here, and was thankful to get the letter
of the 31st alt, enclosing almost interesting letter from
dear Edward, to which I must make some reply, but
I was in hopes that he had taken possession of the

Schunter Island; the news thou hast sent is
on the whole cheering - there is however the bright
and the shady side; and there always will be in this
side the celestial city. Here we have not a centenary
city, may we not only seek, but obtain the one that
is desirable! I must alter my mind and send this
off so as to come for Alderiga next third day, and write
to Joseph from Adelaide just previous to sailing when I
have wound up every thing. I have worked hard and
I trust diligently, in the error of love and energy laid
upon me by the good Master. As to fruits, they must
be left; "Bread cast upon the waters" represents
my feelings, but if it be found, even after many days,
these will be cause for abundant thankfulness.

This was one, who was made to say, "I have laboured
for nought, and in vain"; yet it was not so. Well
it is enough for the servant, even if he can be as his
Master; though it be in suffering - filling up that
which is behind. In his body's sake - whether the Church
Sometimes the seed sown in weakness, is raised in
power through the operation of the divine Spirit - to
the praise of the great God and man.

What a blessing to have been favored with so nice an
Annual, election! What can we render to the Lord for
all his benefits! My work here is not yet done, but
I rather expect to leave I. Australia by sailing vessel
direct for Sydney, by the 2nd post. I have a friend to
see, near Long Horn Bridge, and then expect to arrive
at or near Echerja. I have made two attempts to see him,

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without success. and I now think that I may be excused, and a letter substituted, as has been permitted me to Mr. Lewis at Elladonville May and another at Port Augusta.

Emily Wood is to be married in a short time. I saw her last evening: the Coast ships close to their house. My dear word & Emily are well. I delivered Rachel's message. E. W. had rec'd letter from Signy Amos.

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Arrived here on seventh day. The children's cough seems much worse with the return of the May; the dear Bobb. is suffering from Diarrhoea and is much pained & very weak as well much better. The ^{children} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{heaven} I mean. Mary also has a distressing cough - only inferior to whooping cough - and hoarseness. She has sores on the ends of two of her fingers ^{of} of Whittlows. What they cause is unknown: she had them last year also. Not only are they very painful, but they make it difficult to attend to family requirements. I have looked at them and recommended caustic. I hope that they will soon heal. When I arrived, Richard was in abounding pain - & had Emily Foster - next morning sent letter; said, an old ugly woman stood by his bed but went away with haste - He seems all right - but cannot find the old woman, of whom he does not seem well afraid. When shall I again see dear old Belvedon, and struggle with my family? I wonder, I trust. Where will any of you direct a letter to me at by day?

It will be no use directing to me as I. Amos. I hope to be away very soon - but whether it will be under ten days from this, I must leave. It will do to go till all is done - May I be strong & cheerful in simplicity and joyful sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom - but by the grace of God, to do all that the good allaster has for me to do - that God may in all things be glorified through Jesus Christ - Mary has Rachel's letter, and enclosure. There is no mystery as to how Mr. Heron got away from Belvedon, and when. To be able to do something for these afflicted ones, is pleasant. But they must fulfil travelling in search of health, far away from all others tender care, and affectionate eye. always meeting with strangers, strangers to me, ~~and~~ this seems formidable, good news, and especially to religious enjoyments, and these young people must feel it also - as well as the uncertainty as to whether they shall ever again unite with Parents, Sisters & Brothers. May the Lord bless them all, turning them away from all things contrary to his holy nature, and giving them the assurance of Redemption, and Eternal life through one crucified, but now glorified Saviour. E. Haleson seems a nice young man and I am

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glad to hear that he evidently extends the
kindness and attention towards him. I suppose
that he will not be in a hurry ^{to get} away, and I hope
that his stay will be beneficial, every way, to him.
The work of our friends, C. Sayer & J. Smith at
Sydney, does not seem to separate me from them
then. I thought that it might; but my work is
evidently taken independent of them. "Behold I go
forward in the spirit to Sydney, not knowing of the
things that shall befall me there;" seems to express
my position at present. I don't seem in prospect as
though I should be long there - but expect that I must
keep close - so as not to give occasion to be suspected
as a postulant, and must take long steps - He, who
is wise to direct, will I trust help me through.
Was glad to hear such a nice account of John & Maria
and the family - Poor Tom's troubles have begun
early - may they drive him to the holy port's end.
Glad to hear that Mrs. Helen is selling strong, and of the
welfare of Mary & the young family - Dear love to all
I don't see how I can well write to John - please
tell them all - with my love to William and Mary
write with me in dear love to thy dear self, and
all the family, not forgetting Dr. S. - thy affectionate Mother
- Direct for me, if thou write -
at the Post Office - Sydney -
Love's letter called for