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Melrose - almost Remarkable

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My dear Anna Maria -

The kind affectionate and welcome letter came to hand last evening about 8 o'clock having been forwarded by dear William by the Borneo Mail. - The Post comes here on fourth day, we close on first day, via the Borneo. - And I had one more confirming evidence of the goodness of our divine Master - to leave the Borneo on ~~the~~ second day and to proceed without delay, - and thus - without my knowing it - and without delayed friends knowing it I secured a passport before - either day or week I could have come, - barring first day.

The family of the Mellington is a nice family, and consists of his wife Annie - and children Mary Jane, Charles, William, Walter, Albert - Anne and Emily: the latter a babe of 7 or 8 months but a beautiful little child, as is also Annie - but altogether the family is pleasant and agreeable ones.

There are Thomas & Margaret Esch Family of 3 daughters connected with friends, with whom I had a religious sitting - under a ^{preaching} meeting yesterday and in the afternoon. I attended a Sunday School which was about 80, and had some religious services - as opportunities have presented. I have I trust been faithful to avail of them - and now look forward to a family sitting (specially) with J. W. and family, and to return towards Adelaide by Mail on fourth day morning - starting at 5 o'clock (about 10 o'clock) and when I expect to visit a friend or two in the open fields with neighbours in my way to Kapunda and Lyndoch Valley.

How good and gracious is our divine Master - In every place He smiles on those who are obedient.

The losses in their their referred to are of
course disemerging, and I am sorry for them,
and both losses our neighbours have sustained
but the losses are less than I expected - Tom
still a little anxious about Earthen news,
Thermometer at 1. P.M. - 72.

I have as thou wilt return travelled by chair,
and did not avoid myself of C. Huddon's kind
offer. in fact I did not feel equal to horseback
and then I should have had the care of the horse
and, think, to find emigrants all the way.

Waterloo 17th I am now at the house of
Walter & Elizabeth Sanders - they keep a table
and have a family of five children.

My journey down was like all other near
road travelling rough enough - in fact the
Down said, that to let the horses walk in
the bad places would be equivalent to not
going & they would stick the board up.

I arrived at the Heera with 15th in the
evening and having got tea proceeded to bed
out in Hampton a friend from Cornwall was
much attached to the Society. of course I
had to introduce myself, and had in the
minutes I hold: but he soon expressed the
satisfaction he felt. He wished me to take
tea, and take (all he could give me) a sofa
bed. I thanked him but excused myself
I had dinner at 25 minutes past 4. had come
100 miles - had passed pretty well through the
day - It was the miles uphill to carry a
Carpenter Bag. - and then the morning but even I
must lie up at half past 4. with money
and to pay his driver & carry my Bag and
mend the boat. so I invited myself to

breakfast at 8 with money - and had a
satisfactory sitting, and another in the evening
and returned to my Inn rejoicing. (Cost 5th)
I called on several others that had been conversed
with friends: on a nice woman, whose
husband had left home with day - but thought
it not advisable to stay - the other person
referred a religious sitting with me: but
possibly the talk we had together may be
under the divine blessing productive of good.
I look forward to staying here over Herod
day - then proceed to garden and visit the
Friends there. and on third day go to Lyndoch
valley.

In conversation today E. Sanders read a
letter from her sister in a pleasant manner
that I have arrived on fourth day and that
she thought I might be expected at Waterloo
with friends of the work. - or I have written
to her on account of my intended movements
and asked her to inform I have, who perhaps
will join me at garden. If he cannot I
must see whether I can arrange to go to
Addiside. But that I seem bound to the
work I must look forward, not back.
I cannot see my way very clearly beyond
Lyndoch valley at present: but on day
at a time, is enough - and I have no doubt
that I shall be well led, with right way.
"I will lead the blind by always - that they
know not? - who is blind like the Lord's
servant? - here with thy thought I let to be
called a servant.

So then will see that I have been very
mercifully cared for from day to day
and an enabled to open with the Lord - which
is good to me - a very present help in
the needful times. I was rescued from
going to Port Auguste

Elizabeth's disorder is a great sufferer - from
Rheumatism - she loses her power to walk
she is quite a cripple. The Lord protected
a child with her hands - but by joining
them together - the Rheumatism was
greatly enlarged & and with considerable
her sufferings are great
I hope that thy health is better than when
I left home - and that all the family
are preserved in health and peace
I shall be her organ in Town.

I shall be dear love to thee & all the family
and Dr. Story - I remain

thy affectionate Mother

Mrs. Cotton

When writing to you you say love to
dear Joseph. I could not but be
at Cheston.