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Very nice letter from B.J.W. &
his mother-in-law - re
the birth of Clare August
3rd child

My dear Mrs Dawson,

Again I am thank-
ful to be able to give you
good news; for, notwithstanding
the heat, Anna and the
little daughter are progressing
most favourably.

Yesterday was a very hot day
and Anna suffered much
from the heat. When evening
came she seemed very
tired, but the night was
cool and she slept very
well. To-day it is again
hot and trying for anyone
lying in bed. By closing the
shutters on the sunny side,

however, we have managed to keep the house tolerably comfortable. Anna has a capital appetite, and so far has been living upon biscuits and milk or chocolate, toast & tea & her with chicken broth for dinner. To-morrow the Doctor says she will be able to have an egg if she wishes for it. The baker's bread which we are getting at present is abominable stuff and on Saturday I brought up a loaf from Jayce's.

As for the baby, she is a voracious little creature and heartily enjoys the nourishment which nature is already providing for her in abundance. She sleeps most of the time, but now and then has a cry into which she puts an amazing

amount of energy. After deducting the weight of her garments we find that she weighs just ten pounds, or a little less than we supposed at first.

Miss Lum called this morning and has since kindly sent me some new-laid eggs which will be most useful. This afternoon also Mrs Denistown came to enquire after Anna, so you see we are not utterly deserted. Neither Miss D. nor Mrs D. saw Anna, as the Doctor said it was better for her not to see anyone for two or three days.

This morning I sent off quite a bundle of papers con-

Taining a notice of the arrival
 but if any more should be
 sent - I wish you would
 kindly let me know. Those
 to whom they have already gone
 are Mrs White, Mrs Carpmach,
 Mrs. Hunt, Miss M. Hunt, Mrs
 Fortin, Mrs Field, Mrs Sabatt,
 Miss McLinont, Mrs Wilson,
 Mrs Armstrong, Miss D. Allen,
 Mrs Pettigrew, Mrs Scott (Lowie).
 Just after I addressed Mrs
 Armstrong's a Leeds paper arrived
 telling us that she has had a
 little daughter.

I have just been up (5.30 p.m.)
 to see whether Anna had any
 message and she said to
 tell you that she "feels splendid".
 She sends love to you and
 Dr Dawson and wants to know
 what the little ones said on
 hearing that they had a new
 sister. I fancy, however, that