

My dearest tho
was written on
Wednesday but
I ~~forgot~~
to send it

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My precious Sunshine
I must have a long
long chat with you today
as I have much to tell
you & I long above all to
feel as if once more we were
face to face. I am sure you
will like home news first - &
best - I & you shall have it.
For myself I came home on
Friday to find the house
full of work men & the boys
needing me very much dearest
Alfred has been at home

every night - since I came back
he is reading the days of the
Bible & seems to like it very
much I have made up my
mind to get some of Sir W.
Scott's for him I think he
would enjoy them & I am
sure they would do him
good. He speaks of you often
and always gently & as if
his heart was in his words.
did you send me a letter
by your Papa if so he
has walked off with it -
& will not let me have
it; I shall take yours

to Katie today & shall ask
her up to eat raspberries as
we have quite a number
ripe now, poor child she must
be lonely if she feels as I do
alone all day. I have been
so busy paying the bills &
putting the things in order
since my return that I had
not time to answer your
dear letter from because
I had quite expected to
see you at the station
but Lella was sick with
headache & I had very

to see w^h I enjoyed myself
there very much. baby
has grown quite a big
boy & so like George your
he never cries, & has that
pretty look about his mouth
that his father has. George
is getting on nicely you
know he is not in partnership
with Dr Hamilton now
& I think it is better, Dr
H. has been out with the
Volunteers & see he left
I had made about 15
dollars a day one day

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he made 12 + a half +
the next seven + as
Lella's meat bill is never
over 8 dollars a month
+ all her household expense
come to about 25 dollars
a month that is quite a
little fortune it is so cheap
to live in the country with
fresh butter at 15 cents a pound
+ meat at 4 cents to 8 cents.
I saw Sophy Brewer she
called down and said

with us about an hour
she was spending the day
at the Taylors, she is looking
well, & happy, fat and very
but not remarkably pretty.
Alice Taylor has improved
very much they think her
quite a beauty - in Melbourne
I was there to tea once
Mr & Mrs Taylor have joined
the meeting. They had a
grand concert out at
Melbourne the week I
left & we all went

en masse that is to say
our Dr.'s family & the Vases
it was such fun, the singers
were all children & really
they did credit to their master
they were all dressed in white
& blue & looked like
butterflies with their hair over
their shoulders; that the fun
of the thing was to hear
the people talk, they all knew
each other & between the
songs there was quite a
general conversation carried
on, the teacher himself

came & talked to all
the big Bucks asked us
to move forward & take
better seats? how we liked
the singing? etc. then ice water
was handed round to the
company & it was "Jack
bring us a glass here" or "I
say John some water for a
Mrs. Kai" etc. it seemed
more like a neg large
family party - & was very
nice & home like, it poured
with rain coming home but
we had our carriage
& did not get wet.

Harra has been much
better tempered since
my return, & though at
first I missed my dear
Sister Liba very much,
& the College looked so
sad & lone as could be
without you my pet. still
I felt as if here I were
needed and as if the
boys felt that I made
the house home & that
makes me happy & contented
besides at present - there
is the fuss of getting things
for Louise's wedding

do you not think I had
better not go down to
George in August all
wants me to ^{wait} feel as if
it would not do? —

And my own sweet
precious dearest - Anna

I must close with

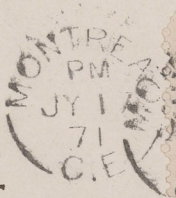
fondest love

believe me

Yours lovingly
Anna

I have just seen W —
how well he looks

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Miss Dawson

(care)

Principal Dawson

Laconna

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