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Kensington Road
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My dearest Anna -

Your letter is like a little bit of
your dear self, so full of all the
fulfillment of your life in, and for the
husband and baby - it is a life that
as you say has its trials as well as its
pleasures. I am so glad to think little
Eric's eye is better and hope Dr
Bullax may not need to try his skill
on mine - you will soon be getting
to the earlier stage of his life as Nellie
has I hear on all sides now how baby
May is in trouble at all - and I am
sure there never was a more trouble -
some little soul at one time cry
cry, cry, night and day - both your
B. & our Alfred make model Papa's

so good about being watted
in the night - I am glad you
have got my dear husband's
picture - but photographs
never put all there is in a face
and I wish you could see
him for your self - I so often
dream of home and the days
of long ago - do you remember
our jolly Saturdays when we
had such merry games, how
we must nearly have driven
your Mother wild with our noise.
I have the days at Caen
now before my eyes when we
practised our duets and
sang "les dames de levelle" and
read instructive books - and
when I used to get lost, out picking
flowers for your Mamma
and the night Gorge for her

when I showed down his box
of specimens - they were indeed
golden in the light of all the
joy of our youth' I am afraid
I need to be rather exacting in
those days - and you and Alfred
always did your best to spoil me.
I love that song of Youngson's George
always liked - Dear as remembered
Memories after death, Glad sweet as those
by helpless fancy perceived, on lips
that are for others; deep as love, deep
as first love and wild with all yet
A death in life the days that are no more.
I am glad so glad ~~we~~ had such
a beautiful childhood - and youth
and very glad we had it together no
seas of earth however wide can
make us forget - The years of our
life we passed as more than
sisters - and none can ever
gather the threads together - or break

the work of our part - Papa says
Alfreds telegraph company gets on
tell me if you see him does he
look better than he did? do you
remember how we both thought
him looking yesterday ill so
unlike his old self - Papa says -
your husband is looking splendid
& much better adding marriage
always improves a man - Edward
& Charlie go to school and like it -
did you see the dresses della brought
for Art and Agnes from Paris?
I miss the lace petto - do you ^{remember}
how I used to bring her asleep to
the Bible readings used hold her
on my knee - she was certainly
the most beautiful little girl I ever
saw & I hope she may grow up as
good as pretty - I should think
your Eric would know his own
mind if he talks after his mamma
or Papa - I am glad to have his picture

You will enjoy having George
out as yet he is so truly as of old
your George Mr. Lecker in law
has taken him from you -
For say what you will it makes
a great change in a man's
life when married and I hardly
think he is ever just the same
afterwards do you ?? - I ask me
how I like marriage & had
a fair question I love dearly
my husband but I hardly
know myself yet in my new
place - as you said I may
at later time to understand
or feel at home in your new
position - You ask me if
I find a Mother in law a trial
She is very kind indeed and
she is Charles's Mother - but
I should like to have her all

Wander on some sunny side
and wander a second Paul
and Virginia Pioneer. This is
not like - and life means
trud - for then much work
and women much sleep - the
sooner his over the sooner to
sleep - " or perhaps more
trud - Life is real life is earnest
& the grave with its goal -
dust thou art & dust shalt thou
be and written of the soul -

Remember me to B. and
New Baby -

ever dear one

your true

Melissa

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Line to
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London
Harbourn Terrace
Framleyke Road

My own dear Anna
thanks and kisses for Baby's
picture what a honey wee
man he has grown - and
such a good likeness he seems
so full of intelligence and
brightness - I have remembered
you in the operation, the poor
pet has had $\frac{1}{2}$ through, pray
God he is all well now. it may
have been a great trial of your
nerves, and I have seen him
suffer - Pray dear God for
me, and say I love to look
at his dear face. and picture
ours tending over him full of

tender love - It is very hard
to write just after you are married
for you feel overwhelmed and
unable yourself in the new
life - and besides we have
been so uncertain in our
movements and now we
settled in lodgings for the
winter, instead of in a house
of our own - and Dublin
with Parsonstown our place
of abode - The people here
are very nice and we are
asked constantly out there
The habit here is dinner at
4 o'clock & tea at 8 - business
meal you are invited and
then a fine supper at
10 or 11 - With yours graf cc

Some of the White families are
very well off - and have
very fine houses, at present
we belong to the quiet joining
party - but for my part I like
it best - I am not - very very
home sick for Charlie as do
Kath and Joad - but at the
same time I need you
all very much and some-
times would give the world
to be with you and feel your
kind loving lips on mine -
dear heart my own true
good friend - Charlie and
I opened your present - and
admired it so much - I
hope Hannah & your
Mamma join their letter

of the week - tell me of Ede
and how my little boys look
and I wish if you see her - or
Lilla - Lilla enjoyed her visit
Wrought very much - but
she still feels for her Mother
and misses her very much ^{Christy}
Mother is a nice person - and
very very good. But at the same
time I had rather have my
husband very well to care for
as I felt that - he is rather like
your B in the way of fond of sitting
up till all hours he sends you
his respected regards and hopes
to see you some fine day -

With love

Your ever faithful

Minna