

have proved pleasant subjects of conversation ever since. Bernard takes tea with us every Sunday eve to our first trial of your tea was made on one of these occasions, but I fear it was too ethereal for the taste of two such tea drinkers as both he & papa are. It certainly had a very fine aroma but was almost colombian (more so than Japan) I seemed serene without drugs. Next time I used it was upon the occasion of our annual Carpenter's tea party when I mixed it with some fine tea, imported direct from England, by Mr P. Ruppeth, who made us a present of some of it. This was a complete success & our friends talked a great deal about the delicious tea they had enjoyed. Now I propose the little canisters to be used to give aroma to black tea on special occasions. The drawing & photographs you mention in your last to Anna

I also spoken of by Mr. Selwyn, who spent
last Friday evg with us, have not come to
hand. Speaking of presents I had two very hand-
some ones at times from outside the family:
two tall flower glasses in silver stands from
Mrs. P. Reeputh & a most exquisite specimen of
King's Camel work, brought direct from China
by Miss Gordon. Joseph Mucker's niece.

By last English mail I had a letter from Jim
with the sad news of the death of Charlie
Pimerose, after a few days illness of diphtheria.
The Dr. in attendance called the illness sore throat
& none of his friends suspected danger, so his
mother's first intimation was a telegram
of his death. His widow is only 23. & looks even
younger. By the same mail Mrs. Girdwood
heard of the death of her brother, young Black
well who was engaged to Sammie Abbott.

The bulbs you sent to me have grown
in a wonderful way. especially one which
ten days ago showed five stalks with flower
buds which gave me great joy, but also

like jonah's gourd they are withering before they unfold. The other root has two flower stems it is growing more at leisure & is green as yet - each one I feel nervous as I examine it but I shall see signs of cheer. The buds seem to number from five to seven on each stalk, they are contained in a sheath, appearing both in leaves & buds like a jayquill. It will be no small disappointment if I never see the blossoms. There is no appearance of life in the acorns yet.

I have been hurried down one of lifes capricious these few weeks past. I only yesterday & today I have gained quiet water. I have answered about a dozen letters, I have looked over the "Witness" & "Payette" which I have not done for a month before. but alas I know I must push off into the stream again for the most disagreeable work of the year is before me, viz: writing the annual report of the Bible Women's work. Anna too

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has gone off, under the escort of Mrs
John Henry Malson, to pay a visit to his
new friends at St Andrews, leaving me with
two sewing girls to keep in work. They
intend to return on Saturday. I about the
same time we expect Janie Wilson to pay
us a long visit. Perhaps Mrs Harrington may
return with Anna. I have invited her to come.

It is very nice to see Anna so happy as she is.
She loves Mr H. more as she knows him better
& it becomes quite interesting from time to time
that we have familiar chats about furniture
Curtains &c. He has already made himself possess-
or of a drawing room, table & dining room table
with numerous sofas & easy chairs. If a house
were only decided upon, preparations would
progress with accelerated speed. There has
not for many years been a time so favourable
for getting things at moderate prices. I dare not
trust myself to moralize upon the changed
household; just now we are having a rehearsal
of what I suppose we shall have to be content
with

one table constructed to its utmost possibilities
I glow the number that sit around it!!

Mr & Mrs Alfred Baynes are expected back tonight
I daresay A. told you about the wedding & your
being at St. George's Church as guests.

We continue to have good accounts from William
I feel as if you were nearer to us than he but
practically we have much less communication
Mr. Atter's come with some regularity & we answer
them by return of mail - yours come at uncer-
tain intervals & there is no fixed time to answer
them. I dread the return of Spring when
those weary months bring no news & every
thing that can be called correspondence is at
an end. I am very glad however that you are
making some agreeable friends in Victoria
I hope too that the weather has brightened
up, but for the fact that you will see a
correct chronicle of the weather here, in
the "Witness" I will refer to it - it has been so un-
traordinary. At New Year we had had some
rain & Curries on wheels. now however
we have lately been favoured with snow
& hokey with sharp frost. with a lovely full moon