

Having thus relieved my  
all humors by a few strong  
of spirits & money I close  
us by a notice to the tender  
mood. I ask you to accept  
my best warmest love,  
By Best mail  
Anne received a nice  
word letter from William  
I wish her many returns  
of her birthday. I wish  
most appropriate anniversary  
every day desired. I remain  
affectionate. Martha

Gill College  
Montpel.

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here more or less of influenza  
Poe. Anne having far the worst  
time as she got vaccinated just  
about the same time the cold set  
it. R. & E. are quite well again &  
Anne & I are, I hope, safely on the  
mending side. She being out at her  
drawing lesson & I promising myself  
a walk after lunch if my careful  
physician Dr. Dawson will let me.  
It is fully time for me to let myself

seeing I have two appallingly big  
grand dinner parties on the evening  
of Thursday & Friday & much preparation  
to make thereof. The first was founded  
on the necessity of asking Mr. &  
Mrs. Alfred Baynes in some distinguished  
way because of our being asked to  
their wedding - the second to honour  
Judge - Farrance - who has lately mar-  
ried one of the "Queens of Southern  
Society"; at least she is so designated  
by one of the her local Quindreds.  
You may be sure I am shaking  
in my shoes at the thought of entertain-  
ing her & other equally distinguished  
guests, & yet I daresay whenever it is  
over I will smile at my own  
foolish nervousness. But for

This little attack of cold I will  
have written last Thursday just  
after receiving the moss, roots &  
Cactus for which accept my best  
thanks. I immediately planted the  
roots & Cactus & already there are signs  
of vitality in the former. I moistened  
the moss over night & it spread out  
beautifully. I have bottled up Papa's  
first-Cure & with some other mosses  
put it there where it is safe & we  
can see it. The acorns have gone  
through no end of hair breadth escapes  
having been dry up as dead, tugged  
out of their put & nature thro' banding  
I still hope they will survive all.  
I was had sent down vigorous roots  
before these mis-haps & as they were quick-

expected I am in daily expectation  
of welcoming signs of life above ground.  
I wish you wd give me a specimen  
day of your routine life in Victoria.  
I have so little idea of what sort  
of things are occupying your time & what  
sort of ties draw you to any of your fellow  
beings around you. I am often made  
sad with the thought that you are  
lonely & unappreciated, & also that  
there is not much of great interest  
to excite you to go forth met spring  
with spirit & zeal. I am sure that  
if there is nothing intrinsically interesting  
in the work, neither the remuneration  
nor the ill-appointed institution of the  
Survey itself shd keep you connected  
with it. There is Mr Harrington smoking  
his life out the year through for a paltry  
£300. a year! Its a leggally affair. I burn  
of you wd do better for yourselves. I think

~~write me my own copy of~~  
rather small than is a rule  
for her to do as she had pre-  
viously arranged with Papa  
to print a copy of it for him &  
he was to frame your original  
for her but she does not wish  
to disoblige Mr. Selwyn so she assen-  
ted.

Monday July 31<sup>o</sup>

I was interrupted on spelling  
& have been unable to get a  
minute since to finish this  
in the interim Anna has  
received a welcome letter from  
you enclosed in a geological  
one to Papa. My morning  
has been spent with Mrs. Haring<sup>ton</sup>  
and just about being to visit Papas  
house that she wd. express her

opinion on its suitability for  
A or B. The plasterers have com-  
pleted their work. The wood &  
plumbing work is in progress &  
it is expected that at least the  
principal parts of both of these  
will be finished by the end  
of this month. Mrs H. & her  
(now) eldest daughter - (Mary)  
are staying with Mr J. H. Malson  
& Co. of City Dis. about her  
declining health. I should be afraid  
that she will soon follow her  
sister. . . . Mr. . . . also had  
another delightful & acceptable  
letter from Mr. . . . with a scrap to  
me. . . . has again had again  
& come off remarkably well. but  
Lamb hill has my so believe me.