

I have a Parker Pen
but it won't work "for me".
So I have to use a nib
like Ellen Victoria did.

Wear Yabbula

Home Hut →
Native Flora Reserve
Alice Springs N.T.

20th April 1970

(a) I don't know
why I ever adopted a "grandson" who
lives so far away?

And such a neglectful one?

I received your letter "today" - dated 12th
& postmarked the 16th!!!

I don't call that "the hell of a hurry!"

However, -

I am very sorry indeed you have had "flu"
& "are tired" - (was the "bad temper" -
with me?)

When I don't "hear from" you - not
even the "one word to an acre" kind, I
worry & wonder where you are too.

You wrote that you were "writing
up Leprosy" - as it is thought of now, as
distinct from the biblical "unclean" "unclean"
attitude. (But the Qaol Guards & staff
still seem to fear it, in Darwin.)

* Truth to tell that is one of my
several worries about you, Yabbula-Aie,
you not in danger of becoming infected?
Do tell me the real truth. *

Have none of the Qaols contracted it?

2/ I also wondered whether your mother was ill & you were with her? When I got no letters.

And I did wonder were you engaged to be married? (To that charming Bridesmaid?)

If it was someone nice, I would be ^(in pink) glad if you had someone to "look after" you & "spoil" you.

But it would have to be someone "Special" & preferably, of course of that superior tribe - the Tasmanians.

Why not have a holiday in Hobart? And I'll get her to give you introductions to some of her relations (lawyers & doctors etc with charming daughters)

And on the way back come & ^(perhaps) tell me ^{all} about it - & yourself. You could get bed & breakfast in town - & spend a day or two over here - so I can feed you & get to know your aims & thoughts more - as a Grandmother should & I don't.

Unfortunately I only have nieces & great-nieces. Not a single (Pink) grandson. And I like & get on with boys ^{better} ~~more~~ than girls. Heather is my favourite niece, but we have practically nothing in common!

3. She is essentially a sportswoman (when not doing Accountancy in an Insurance office).
Swimming - water-skiing - watching cricket
+ playing tennis and (horror of horrors)
watching football (an uncivilized game!) -
* "brotting" - even more uncivilized.

And of all these, cricket is the only one I like. Or rather used to - (at the time of William the Conqueror or thereabouts) And even played it then!

I am having the devil "of a time" at present with aboriginal worries: - especially in regard to the Reserve's gardener + his "rotten-to-the-core" wife: a confirmed drunkard + immoral.

Also transport problems from Amcoompuna. (I think Wentworth, Pies, Nixon, Chaney + Triper, should all be "liquidated".)

You forgot my birthday!!! And I had the nicest one (+ surprising too) since I came to Territory in 1930. I have also been "entertaining" (giving Sherry to) notabilities - including a German relative of the Duke of Edinburgh!!!

4/ If the three pages don't bring a newer letter from you + soon - I'll find another "Abbula"!

I hope you have recovered from your influenza. I put it out in the rain (fine) to get rid of any wops! How I wish it would pass + the Todd "run" + so give me a "holiday" - as well as refreshing the "flora".

Wiairiba!

(Can't spell it! - = we-air-bar)

Abbula

Oliver

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Has sent me (last week) a new "Apatha ~~Christie~~ "Christie".

But I very much doubt if it is by her!

Publishers → Apatha ^h Christie Pty Ltd
London + Glasgow!

It may be someone using her notes?

I did not like "The Third Girl" - nor the one has sent ("Halloween Party")

Have you read them? And what is your opinion? about

I am enjoying receiving your books

Apatha? their being by