

Give my love
to all dequing
friends especially
dear Mr. Ford.
I am so glad you
are going to the
Ball

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My Darling Lucy,

I have just got your letter telling me of the dear baby's arrival. I am so glad dear old Emma is so well. Tell Arthur I am quite shocked at Papa's description of his little daughter. I think she must be very like what her Ma was when she was born (forehead and all) I can fancy how pleased & proud you all are. Great as much as the rest. I assure you Grandmama is not behind any of you in pride & pleasure. Great grandpapa airs his title like anything. I have just posted the notes. I am sorry I forgot to put the string in.

the neck of one of them, and also a
two of them want a button-hole in the
back. The little boots are a present
from Cousin Serena. She spent the
day with us when Auntie & Lotta
were here, and crocheted the boots
while she was here. Tell Arthur
the old body on the North Shore
who knows all about his family, is
a Mrs Merrick. I do not know what
her maiden name was. She seems
to know all about Arthur's mother's
family, - the Smiths - she says
Mrs Hauau was a splendid woman.
Mr Hill knows something of his
Father old J. Hauau! of course he
means his Uncle. Mr H. is a nephew
of Mr. Corneil. (Papa of Auntie's old
friend, Nellie Corneil,) and a cousin
of Mrs Gorton, whose daughter Fred,
met at Akaroa. - I should think
he has been in Auckland 30 years
so that he only knows the old.

generation. - The Kiddings, Coumells
& Mr. Hill all come from Cork. -
Tell Emma I really think you could
quite well wear colours after Christmas.
Dear Grandmamma has been dead
six months already and I really
think in our circumstances it
would be wrong not to use what
summer things you have by you.
Would my brown galatea fit you,
if the burnt train was taken off?
I shall not put off mortifying myself
and it really would be more economical
to keep one black. for the silk & guanine
with some cheap dress will take me through
the summer. I hope. There is a nice
grey dress that belonged to dear
grandmamma that might be altered
for one of you. I wish I could do some
of the sewing. You must try & not
forget to tell me whether Missie's slip
bodies fit you. for if so I have her
size & can make some for you.

I rolled a fashion book round the
robes. The people who sell cut-out
patterns have an agency here & we
can get any of the patterns for the
price printed under each - Aunt I got
a pattern for 18 of a dress for the
children - they are cut so correctly -
I went to get a jacket pattern to make
up that cashmere - but unfortunately
they only had large sizes left - Lena
says she noticed on the back of the
book I sent - that the agent at Providence
is Rogers - I did not know they could
be had there - the patterns are very
cheap - I have written to Fred who
will tell you that ^{there} is not much
news about dear Father - he was sleeping
a little better - I hope to see him on Thursday.
Give my very best love to the dear
Papa & Ma - plenty of kisses for the
lace pet - not forgetting dear old Sue,
and lastly your own dear self -
from your loving
Remember me to
Mrs Walker
Mother