

Kenyu,
BURROWA.
Sunday Night. 31st/4/16.

My dearest Mrs. Steele,

Well here we are settled at last, and Oh it is great to be back home with Walter again. This is a fine big place about 40,000 acres and Walter is in his element and I love to see him with all the responsibility of the place on his shoulders. The only thing is that he has to take a lot of business trips away, and at present he is at Young but will be back tonight or tomorrow. Young is 50 miles away and we are 30 miles from Cowra and 20 from Burrowa, but all this is nothing in a car. The car is not here yet but we hope it will be soon. I have 3 maids and a nurse for the children so have to do nothing myself. I am far from strong yet. I get such weak fainting turns even though I do not faint, but the Doctor told me I would have them and would have to go quietly for a few months, as I had such a bad time having Baby. I think all that was due to the hard work I had to do at Warrah, packing up and preparing for the sale etc., but we are here now in a good new house and I will soon get strong again. I only wish we had you here, you would love it and do come out soon.

Baby is just beautiful and he grew so fat and big that I could not nourish him properly, so he is on the bottle all day and me at night. He looks like an eight months Baby and he is so pretty and laughs out loud to us now. On his left cheek he has one large dimple when he laughs and his eyes are the loveliest I have ever seen and his hair is dark. We had him baptised here three weeks ago by Mr. Coudie, our minister from Burrowa, who comes out once a month. He is the Moderator this year of the N. S. W. Assembly, so I am glad Baby was christened by him. We had only the household present - all altogether - and it was done in Walter's big office, which I have made like a semi sittingroom. Dickie is very proud of his Baby brother and he is so gentle with him too. Dickie is a most beautiful boy and so clever. He says his prayers by himself and about a dozen pieces of poetry and he is not yet three. He is such a pretty boy too and well built. You would just adore him. I hope to get some snaps of them soon and will send you some. Walter looks so well and strong, I am sure you would see a great difference in him, and he is just as big a darling as ever. He adores his three treasures and we adore him too. We got your cable and cabled £15. in return, and it was so strange too as Walter had just said the day before that we would cable you £5. for a present but you supplanted us. However, whatever you wanted it for, I hope it makes a fortune. Pip. Pip... What lovely things you and Marie sent Baby. I do not remember if I acknowledged them before. They are lovely and so dainty and the rattle is the prettiest and most uncommon I have ever seen. I hope to write Marie next week.

Even though I have a lot of help I am kept going. Visitors and odds and ends and all the flowers to do, etc. Must fly now. Three people have just arrived in a car from a neighbouring station for lunch and Walter is away too. Write often. We love your letters.

Lots of love from us both and kisses from your two grandsons.

Yours loving daughter,

Isla Colville Steele.

C O P Y.