Tuesday May 19th 1857.

My Dear Boy

I know it seems a long time to be expecting a letter, but Mother has not forgotten you, but has been very busy. Aunt Delia has not gone to house-keeping yet, they have the carpets down, but cannot have their beds nor Bedsteads sent home. Uncle Charley has his house all nicely painted, and has built a Bath-room at the end of the kitchen and a fine large bath-tub put in; and the boys expect to have a fine time this summer splashing in the water. Frank has not been to see them yet the yard was in such disorder. I received both of the letters you wrote me, and was very

happy to hear from you. I read the death of Edward Tilda's sister in the paper, and then I saw the funeral pass our house. The coffin was carried, covered with a black velvet pall, and Edward walked with his Father close behind the coffin. I went up stairs and looked out the window and saw the coffin put in a box, and put in the vault, and I wondered if she had been a good little girl and loved God, and then I knew her spirit was in Heaven, and when I saw Edward crying and looking down in the vault where they had laid his dear little sister, I hoped he would love God and keep his commandments, so if he died young, a lived a great many years longer, he would meet his little sister again in Heaven.

Your precious little sister Anna is much better, and we hope she will get quite strong when the weather is warm and pleasant, this morning it is quite cold, the wind blows, and it rains a little with every appearance of a hard storm. Frank is well, he is getting ready for school, Kitty is up in my room frisking and jumping about like a crazy cat. she scratches real hard. but she is very nice and playful. I hope you are well, and do try and get your lessons, so as not to be punished once this term. All in the house send their love to you. Goodby. Anna is crying to come to me. Write me a nice letter soon.

In love sincere your

Mother.

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Term 1854.

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Master Alfred Tweed
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