

Private Mailbag
Has the Public Library, like Wyndering, been
free books on its shelves? They are
all replaced & again England to tell
us all what we are heirs to.
Dear Edmund

9-10 June
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17/4/42

Thoughtful indeed of you
Dear young friends to send me the 50 pence
& let me see how changed our dear England
is. God bless & keep her & her great & fine
people. Stand up with their courage
& cheerfulness in the midst of such
horrors as they have passed through.
It is a remarkable thing in the British
character that it can still keep up its
fine levelheadedness, its determination
to fight to the end & its fine principles
always evident, opposed though it is
throughout by unbridled savagery of
every imaginable & unimaginable description.
Those two British attributes personal
honour & fine principles are, under God's
Protection - the very core & head of Empire
Government. We must never let these
two great qualities become submerged.
I hear from dear Arthur Mee who is
such a great worker for God & King &
Empire. He - only occasionally, mails being
uncertain. He has just passed his Jubilee as
a writer, & I am enclosing his own account

of those Left Years of steady work. His last
books - "Story of the Flap" & "Empire 1940"
were more wonderful books. He sent me
a copy of his "Story of the Flap" with such
a kindly dedication to me written on the fly leaf.
That, though I longed to keep & treasure the
History of the Flap of Empire as it really
is, I thought - of our Labour Ministers,
not one of whose members really know
what the Empire is, has been, & what
it means to us all, especially Australia.
& I sent my copy of the Book to the
Prime Minister, asking his acceptance
& expressing my hope that he would
place it on the shelves of the Labour
Members' Section of the Parliamentary
Library at Canberra!! I hope it may
be read & studied some day by the
Labour Members!!

I am in a cleft-stick here dear Nellie -
I haven't had personal communication
with anyone of my own kind since I
arrived here last March (4/1), & as you
know by your generosity you will feel
for me. I had by birds - blue wren finches,
& other wren birds but a ^{butcherbird} ~~butcherbird~~ family

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Cause & ate them all! I know I'm only a
lame old Crow whom I must feed but don't
like his presence in my Tom Tiddler Ground -
I have all by Dickens, & live at home with
him & joy & sorrow with his Creations -
Those you kindly lend me I've never read
without your presence nearby, & when I
close them I think & say "His you, dear
Kilmeny Mrs has given me Bella Wager's
Kate Mitchell & other Summerson & all the
rest of the Company, but so it is by you
I am indebted for this lightning of my
Complete Solitude?

Thanks so much for the little "Straw"
Like all I replace it is doing its "duty" in
in this Crisis. I see forwarding it on
to some connections in N. Wales whom
I found in Sydney on my visit - there
last March.
I only get the "Mail" & "Advertiser" (Saturday)
issue, a week or more after their publication
& as, as Arthur Mac burst of me lately in one
of his C. his "I am far from this mad & up
words" but Dickens is my "Stabilizer"
God bless you & keep you dear Kilmeny & may
the day grow brighter & nearer to Victory as they
pass - but we must all put all our heart & nerve
& "Sword" into our Swords, Forgive, Dear Miss