

Quado
Wed night.

Dear Phyll & Ross,

Sorry to have missed you less.

We did hope to see you to shake your hand & all that. Needless to say we felt very proud for you Phyll & the family to see your name in the Queen's birthday honours.

Anyway I guess it will keep. Congratulations.

Last Friday we set off for

Orwindi. I guess you received Rex's note too.

Long way for many, however only four hours ^{for us} up through Simdoo & Ceolah & across the Liverpool Plains. Royce was unable to attend because his elder

grandson was having a birthday party at his home near Coffs Harbour

Royce left on the Thurs. Joan was also caught up in a family birthday

party (however she did get to Glad's service in Manly. Anyway Lou & Tim

& we stayed at Royce's home & went to Tamworth on the Sat morn. The

Cemetery by the way is opp the showground if you are ever

looking for it. It is in an old section. There are several Newcombes

& a few Whittens buried near by. We arrived early so I was able to

make an entry in my note book from Glad's mother's headstone.

It reads.

On loving memory of my dear wife
Annie Florence Whitten

who departed this life

9th August 1903

aged 22 years.

"My dearest Annie has left me

and come to rest above

my heart as she has left within me

those I know that God is here.

She left me in the bloom of youth

when her course seemed just begun

and grief and pain as they to day

my God they miss the "one"

written by Frederick Whittier.

and underneath the new plaque

and her daughter

Elizabeth Annie

born 22. 3. 87.

died 23 years.

The "epitaph" nearly touched my heart

my poor father's pain was felt so

long ago, by me. One can imagine the

escape he was made when other things

with a man his total disappearance as the

thoughtly watched his young wife

lying — a grave within mine say!!

of much joy to a son really born

of her. I am sure he composed

the little message set in a message

from a man leaving man.

How surely he must have been

after Annie's death — the only

thoughtful thing his father —

and can imagine the largeness

of the heart formed to the

mother and wife — Any way we could

There had a more beautiful sunrise

day - warm sunny, on the hills

Address almost empty.

A conversation among women spoke

Just about things - then Ret spoke

of early memories a lot that was said

Just knew. He was magnificent

tracing things like incorporation

in his speech - much that he's known

- shared marking

of had no hope of singing the hymn

but others did

"There's a land that is fairer than May"

- He shows it well known

"In the great tapestry

We shall meet on that beautiful shore"

Then the movement took place

(a great hall was set up at the base

of the marble altar)

Reception reading Psalm 108, 13-17

Then a prayer & benediction.

There were about 50 people present.

Mostly mainly, some women

of family friends.

Ret had put a notice in the Northern

Weekly Leader "On the Thursday

We are mingled of course many

family friends were part of that

of friends out of all the necessary family

With was the one she felt she'd do after

Ret's death she became his counterpart

and agreed that may all his wife.

The undertaker we attended at the young
boy who had had his mother's presence
but I don't know how far back it was

They lived at Thaxby Vale. The road we
once found was one of the dearest houses
we had.

Every day it was a very morning thing

of nearly best for passing.

of which despite the fact that the houses

we suffered at times - but still all

emerged a strong woman - one that

readily gathered people around her.

It spoke to this African written from

London. She is in the written history for

— lives on at her side. Any way she

was saying she must make to her

to wear a pharon - it was a matter of

you had written to him too - he did

nothing to separate the written history.

or think it should be done. It still gives

her plenty of satisfaction a well give

— as are another edition.

Marked many a time we were in

can. We next marked had called

for a paper, then each at two papers,

of a morning journal which who showed

premise - a "the morning" had checked

him. One in his own for one to young

(22) of hope he learned a deal to read him

we are getting off for the next

at the end of the month. Best is going

to keep John part his house. We even a

family all the children were in morning

America presumably owned by a former

Attorney General. Hope the weather is remaining

Also hope are yours are well.

Take care - (3rd Aug)

much love
William & Bill