

8 Dover St
Maylands
South Australia
March 12 1922

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if you happen to have any photo's of yours, the children, or their grandpa send them along - & we will send ours - we have got a nice cool change to day. it is Sunday grandfather is amongst his beloved flowers. Clarice has gone to Paradise with some friends & Paradise is noted for vegetables & fruit - the friend Clarice has gone to visit has an old garden 70 years old - 12 acres is set with oranges & lemons - when out in bloom the smell from the blossom is just sickening for a few weeks, but in a month or two the trees are laden with great oranges - they are beautiful to behold.

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please write soon - we all send our kindest love to you all
your affate aunts Emmie, Rollie - Clarice & Grandfather

You loving Aunt

Emily L. Smith,
c/o Mr. R.W. Clark
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