

Elderfield,

Otterbourne,

March 28<sup>th</sup>

Winchester, 1865

My dear Aunt Judy,

That is a delicious ghost,  
and very glad I am to  
have him! He shall  
flourish in June, for  
May is engaged to the  
Mr. Sof or poor Lady who  
has just died, and  
whose husband and  
sister will I think feel  
it less painful to have her  
Mr. Sof at once than  
to see it later. Master  
Arthur and his stick

are capital, and you  
always bring things  
home to us with such  
touches as Mr Lindsay.  
I did know of a poor  
boy who was frightened  
into idiocy - a clergyman's  
son, but I quite believe  
in the death. I should  
like best to put by  
- you, your real name.  
in fact I meant to have  
begun this note more  
respectably, but the

old team shipped out of  
Vinyen. I hardly knew  
how. I am glad Mrs  
Gatty is at work on  
something original  
again. I rather enjoyed  
her to Mr. Macé  
Yours sincerely  
C M Yonge