

RW. 114/12-b

I have forgotten  
to put your address  
in my book, so send  
this as you see.

2 Claremont -  
99 Sherrin Road  
King's Cross, Sydney  
Monday 9.7.1951

Dear Phoebe Price - you are  
your mother's daughter, so I call you  
Phoebe.

I have been startled to find,  
after about four years, that at the  
reception to me on the ~~Way~~ <sup>at Wagga Wagga</sup>  
I was misreported! When the speaking  
was over, & "God Save the King" sang,  
I said to someone near me, "It is  
a long time since I stood up to God  
save the King <sup>in Wagga!</sup>" adding "It  
must be 60 years <sup>perhaps more</sup>" (as it was).  
I am told now, that the reporting  
ended at "God save the King" &  
omitted the rest. Actually the last  
time (before this one) was at a Rechebrite  
social, where <sup>then in my teens,</sup> I played & sang. If



the report is as stated, it is damaging  
 even though I am sure it was  
 accidental. I spoke sotto voce  
<sup>in what I said</sup> ~~in what I said~~ & never thought of it  
~~being in the paper~~ <sup>the paper</sup>  
 (sorry for the blushed ink!) being  
 used in the paper.

of course I know no one in the  
 reception misunderstood. But in the  
 case quoted to me it was told that  
 this Miss Waggie Waggan said she "took  
 the paper to pieces, flung it on the  
 floor, & stamped on it!" But she  
 never asked me whether it was  
 true or not! If she had done so I  
 could have had the correction made  
 at once.

I am writing, because you know so  
 many people to ask you if such a  
 misapprehension came your way, to  
 give the facts for me. For one thing I  
 wouldn't be such a fool as to be having  
 anywhere as suggested, nor wd. I be  
 it. bred.

Every good wish  
 Mary Gilmore