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Dear Mr Blake more in
 the matter of the formal opening
 of your generous Mary Gilmore
 Gates, I have not much hope
 of going to Wagga Wagga at the
 present moment, having ~~not~~
 had a set-back from one of the
 prevailing germs. However I have
 a friend Mrs Dorothy Catts widow
 of the late J. H. Catts M. H. R. -
 who (he) was born in Wagga Wagga
 on that account Mrs. Catts wd. like
 to be present. She is a very well-known
 woman, & wrote a good life of her
 husband (W. M. Hughes wrote the
 foreword, & Winston Churchill wished
 she could write like it) also she
 writes novels, has done all sorts of
 newspaper & public work, and is
 now endorsed by the C. L. D. and
 Commonwealth Literary Fund

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in writing the remarkable life
her & her husband's life long
and King O'Malley to whom
Nestorchi owes so much. At
the moment she is at Rockhampton
for notes of the aborigines who
saved his life, & cured him,
by their treatment, of T.B. She hopes
you wd. not have your formal
opening before she gets back, she
is so anxious to get to it. There
& back will take three weeks from
yesterday. (The Mayor of R. is rolling
out "the red carpet" for her in a
civic reception.)

I have a few things I want to send
the College: an aboriginal axe from
Qld., some shingle from a beach
(Gallegos) in Patagonia - ~~some~~ the
only bit now left in the world,
all the else having gone when oil
was found there) & a few other
odds & ends I would like the
College to have. I enclose a small
cheque (£2.) to go towards a scrapbook
for events, people & autographs, and the
start of a continuous history for the next
hundred years of the College & what are
assets I will be - Very very true, Mary Gilmore