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EDUCATION WEEK



Miss Shirley Hillam

21 "Hill View"

Shabo

Southern Pine

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Hilary Hillen

20 Clemons  
99 Brook Rd.  
Kings Cross  
Sydney, 27.7.56

Dear Shirley - Thank you  
for your letter & thank Irlabo  
for remembering me.

Now for your request for  
information about my life -

① Born at Merryvale, Goulburn

② A poplar (~~poplar~~<sup>Merry</sup>) planted  
at Merryvale for my birth still  
standing there. A cutting from  
it planted in the Botanic  
Gardens Sydney. This poplar is  
descendant from the first 2  
poplars planted in the Botanic  
Gardens <sup>at 18</sup> on the lawn not far  
from where they, long ago, were

Went to school in Walford &  
was pupil, pupil-teacher &  
assistant there. Then at  
Peacocks field near Temora  
then at Irlabo. After that  
Silverton (Borden Hill) Neutral Bay

Elmore S. P. <sup>Young</sup> Coome in Paraguay  
(South amp) in Patagonia a lawyer  
teacher of English at <sup>Puerto</sup> Gallegos -

④ From 1908 edited the Woman's  
Page of ~~the~~ The Aust. Worker  
for 2 1/2 years, (~~1910-1912~~)

④ wrote 16 books, most of them  
verse

⑤ Verses translated into Spanish,  
French, <sup>Portuguese</sup> Danish & Russian.  
(uses not books.)

⑥ First person to write publicly  
that if the atomic bomb were  
used on the Polar ice it ~~could~~  
could upset the stability of  
the world so that the oceans  
wd. flood the dry land, <sup>thus</sup> as  
well as other damage -

⑦ The first to point out that  
the Atom Bomb could destroy  
trace elements in the air &  
so endanger man -

⑧ Robt Regarded as the writer  
who has done most on behalf  
of the aboriginals & their  
ancient lore & culture -

Every good wish to all to the school,  
the teachers & you, Mary Gilmore