

Kewham  
Thursday.  
My dearest Anna  
Thank you for your  
small note - though I see you  
are so angry with me - but  
I think you need not be - as  
you will see by an explanation  
to Elizabeth - James is engaged  
with the Newnarth people by and  
because - and has made many  
speeches about resisting  
encroachments - making a stand  
whilst there is still something  
to lose. So it is not for me  
to say anything - for I must  
acknowledge that it is very  
kind - I very much wish

to be introduced to my Godson  
 Darius has been entertaining us  
 much with the history of Fulford  
 who seems to be a most witty and  
 amusing child - the baby hair  
 is very pretty - he must have  
 more than Fulford had at his  
 age. I wish my heart indeed  
 that you and the infants  
 could have stepped up now with  
 Darius - Aunt Christine very much  
 wished to see them - She and  
 Mr Wharton went away yesterday  
 in the rain - in an open carriage  
 so that they will have a wretched  
 journey and today is as bad

Aunt Christine was better I think  
 when she went away - better for  
 being roused out of her own thoughts  
 a little - Aunt Fanny Darius  
 and I went down in Guilford Street  
 yesterday - George was there so that  
 all the little children were  
 assembled but they did not make  
 quite so much noise as usual  
 George keeps them in order and  
 Philip did not say a word -  
 Betty begins to be rather nervous  
 at the thoughts of her journey -  
 Baldwin was there yesterday  
 & I hear you are going back to  
 Ipswich to live by yourself which  
 I think is quite a pity - as it must  
 be such a pleasant party you at

Great husband - we are going  
to an Ashby meeting in the  
Regent Park tomorrow if it  
is a fine day - Grafton Green  
I am your aff. friend

Mrs. Anne Ashby