

I have had 4 daughters, and 3 sons. The eldest - Jemima - married Francis John Wybird of the Royal Society of British Artists. The second Isobel Fanny - married George Harris Haywood, of Rotherham in Yorkshire & now residing in Kensington. The third Julia died on 20th May 1861. at the age of 14 - four days before her next birthday. and as it was the same day as the Queen's - Julia used to spend the day with the Princess - & received presents from Her Majesty &c. Miss S.A. Hildyard was the resident governess at the Palace, & kept the children from mischief & all that sort of thing (The last time I saw Miss Hildyard was on the jubilee day at Buckingham Palace. She died shortly afterwards. She was a most refined lady and was most highly respected & honoured.) When the Queen heard of Julia's death - she wrote a note to Miss Hildyard who was in another part of Buckingham Palace - asking her to write to me, which she did. but said "I enclose the Queen's note, that you may see for yourself what her Majesty says." The following is a copy.

"Buckingham Palace - May 21st 1861. Dear Miss Hildyard,
Do tell good Mr. Corbould how my heart which has bled so and is still so sore, truly sympathises with him! Oh! how I know that feeling of total want of knowledge of time - of any thing! I lived for three weeks in that state! "

(at that time H.M. had lost her Mother the Duchess of Kent, & evidently her Mother was in her thoughts, when continuing her note.)
"The only consolation is in the certainly of Her happiness, and of the eternal reunion hereafter. - and also of the constant nearness of our beloved ones - who have gone before us!
But it is a weary, weary time! I am yours V.R. "

(The initials are the Queen's V.R. Her mode of signing -) Julia was buried on 24th her Birthday - & by Her Majesty's direction, her head Gardener - Mr. Winchester, made & brought from Osborn in the Isle of Wight, one large wreath of white flowers - w^{ch} he was to place on the Coffin, & 4 smaller one - to be handed to myself & three brothers as we left the house. This was Her last birthday Present to my fair and lovely Julia. HK

Of my three sons, one died at Melbourne & lies in St. Mildred's Church
that was the eldest Ridley Edward Arthur Lamotte Corbould.
The second is Victor Albert Louis Edward Corbould, and the 3rd Pelham
Stuart Corbould. The Princess Alice's note to me, runs as follows.

Osborne. Tuesday morn. May 22nd 1861.

Dear Mr. Corbould. Having just heard from Miss Hildyard
of your sad bereavement - I cannot refrain from sending you
a few lines, to tell you how truly I sympathise with you,
and mourn over your loss. Having but so lately, and for
the first time seen death and felt its grief and the anguish,
at being left by what one loved so dearly, so deeply, so
truly, I know what a bitter bitter trial you have, and
how little, words from others can bring comfort to the
bleeding heart at such a time. There is but One who can
give you consolation, and we have that blessed ^{hope} consolation
left of meeting again, to part no more. She has
only left you for a little while, & her gentle spirit
watches over you and waits for you.

If the heart of one who sympathises and that most
warmly in your grief - can bring you a slight consolation,
I do so, with all my heart praying that God may
support, strengthen and comfort you, your wife,
and your children under this heavy affliction.

This is the fervent prayer of Alice. "

(signed)

The Princess at the same time wrote a most beautiful & lengthy ex-
tract - too long to be contained on paper this size - which ended with
"Copied for Mr. Corbould by Alice, hoping he may find
some consolation in these beautiful lines.

In remembrance of, May 20th 1861."

to Edward Henry Corbould Esq. 10 Hyde Park Gate. W.

St. Kilda General Cemetery.

Dec. 11. 1890.



Prof R Corbould.

Resd Sir.

In answer to your
enquiries.

On April 14. / 1878. a young man
named Arthur Corbould, was
buried in grave. 0657. Chy Engh
B. Comp. - The name is not
the one you give. viz. "Raley Ed.
Arthur". - The order was
given by Mr Birkinmyre.

The deceased came from
Mona Place, D. Yarra. but
we do not know whether that is
Mr Birkinmyre's address.

I remain

Yours respectfully
pro Treasurer &
Dee & Manager.