

Edwardes, Sir Herbert Benjamin (*b.* 1819, *d.* 1868), obtained a cadetship in the East India Company (1840); served in the Sikh war (1845); became assistant to Sir Henry Lawrence at Lahore (1847); defeated the Sikhs at Kineyree, and took part in the siege of Mooltân (1849); as commissioner of the Peshawar frontier during the Mutiny secured the neutrality of the Ameer of Afghanistan, and sent a force to assist in capturing Delhi. He was commissioner of Umbala from 1862 to 1865.

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My dear Cowley
You seem astonished
that a K.C.B. should
pluck off a bad half
sovereign on a little
boy. But if he has
to pass it off, will
you tell me how
he could do it safely
than passing it to
a small boy of 10?
Or how he could make
more of it than by
being generous, &
giving it away?
Or how he could do
it neater than by
wanting no change?

My dear fellow, we

who have been in
the East, & passed
our days in over-ruling
bad rulers, have
a horror of only
half-a-sovereign;
if moreover he
be base, we get
rid of him with
a dispatch which
"Frazer" might
have envied!

Poor little Georgia!
I am really sorry
for the mortification
which attend such
an incident, in
a boy's heart.
But he shall be
the gainer by it; so
I enclose 2 which
I believe to be
good - but

in this world of
shams & gilded things
who shall say?
Please give the
note to Georgia with
my love; & comfort
him amain for all
the pangs & blushes
of this first
assay of the
gold of Earth.

Thank you for
writing to Mr.
Morrison.
We had such
a treat last night
- Jenny Lind's
singing! What
a precious - precious
gift it is! It
is foolish to call
her a nightingale.
Nightingales have

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no souls in their
little breasts, &
therefore cannot talk
to ours. I do
think it ~~is~~ ^{is} worth
coming from India
to hear.

Good bye dear Cowley
both our loves to
- you both -

Ever yours affectionately
Herbert S. Edwards