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Dear Barbara,

I must say I am a bit surprised at your questions about Lynne Adamson, and my surprise, unlike you suggested, is no less because hers is your third enquiry for material for a book on birth in N.Z.. I would think that the more books there are written on the subject, the better!

I feel the gist of your letter is to find out whether Lynne's book would be worth contributing to. I feel quite inadequate to answer this question. I understand Joan Donley's concern - I myself am somewhat in the same position; she has asked us to write our hospital and home birth experiences for her book.

I do not know Lynne at all well and am naturally apprehensive about giving her something which would be such a deep-felt expression of my personal experience. Lynne has recently had her first baby in hospital (transfer from home because of prolonged labour), and she attended our last Home Birth Meeting. She is not a midwife. She practises Shiatsu healing and is the editor of a journal called 'Vis Medicatrix Naturae'. I enclose a copy of the first edition of this journal, in which she has written an article, to help you acquaint yourself with her style of writing and her (thing'. I would be pleased if you would return this.

I must say I am a bit sceptical of her writing her book within two months. I have no idea who her publisher is, if she has one. I am afraid all this may be of little help to you. I do suggest you write to her to find out what she intends to cover in her book.

I am pleased to hear Joan Donley is writing a book on obstetrical practice in N.Z., and I wish her the best of luck and success.

Yours sincerely,



Henriette Kemp.