

16 Andrews St Hobart

29 Jan'y '83

Dear Andrew,

Be prepared for a mournful tale, although not so bad as the one which comes to me from Tasmania respecting poor dear old William. I only heard the shocking news from Fred Edwards yesterday. I am so ill myself that at present I can only assure you of my heart felt sympathy & pray for his speedy & permanent recovery. My grief is aggravated by the knowledge that I am powerless to assist & that I can guess the proximate cause of his affliction.

I am not much better off myself. I was taken very ill in Sydney (owing to the overpowering vapour of the climate) in Dec; with difficulty succeeded in coming to Melbourne & since then have been

lying in a weak nervous state, hardly
able to move & in imminent danger of
paralysis. I have resigned my Sydney
situation & ~~have~~ have been joined by my
mother & sister. They suffered & suffer but
little less than myself; - the danger ^{only} _{not}
existing in their case.

I have accepted a very good post
here but am in the greatest doubt
as to whether I shall be able to
commence duty at the stipulated time,
1st Feby. My fortunes & my health
are alike desperate but I cannot
turn back.

I shall anxiously await your
reply to this & I shall write myself
again if anything fresh transpires but

at present I am too weak to
to say more.

With affectionate regards

Believe me

Ever thine

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