

Melbourne

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My dear Andrew,

I wonder how many of my recent letters have to allege as an excuse for not answering yours that I have been, - odd paradox - ill & busy. At all events those causes have operated powerfully in this last instance. To my surprise & annoyance I find that

Nearly a month has
slipped away since I recd
your last affectionate &
delightful epistle. I don't
know how it is that time
seems with me to stand still
& yet to rapidly fly at the
same period.

I think I must have
been studying too closely
for I fell, about a fortnight
ago, into a wretched state of
ill health & experienced some

Strange sensations that
rather alarmed me. When I
say alarmed I mean to
express my apprehension of
being prostrated altogether
which wd. be a very awkward
affair for my family of
whom I am the sole means
of support. As for myself
to be quite frank - I should
receive my earthly cage
joyfully, for I am tired of
life. I am not a trahibious
when I say this, but really

Speaking from sober conviction.
I don't mean to give up, but
my bodily state of existence is
a weary burden which I
would gladly lay down.

I did not, on noticing the
Symptoms just mentioned, consult
a doctor or take any physic
for I have long since lost
faith in both, but consulted a
friend who advised me to
relax my studies & take as
much exercise as possible. On
this hint I acted & experienced
a certain slight, but well come,

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Relief & succeeded in obtaining
occasionally a little sleep.
At present I am in an odd
state of mind - I cannot without
reluctance tear myself from
reading & when I am studying
I grudge the time taken from
exercise & when taking exercise
I grudge the time filched
from study. I have at least
the consolation of knowing
that I am doing my best to
improve both mind & body. So
much for myself.

I am charmed with your

last photograph. It is every
one to whom I have shown
it. It is really you. The other
one shows very unfavorably
in comparison. Tattle's represents
your Victorian expression only.

Contrasting the delicate
& spiritual work of the Tas-
-manian artist with the
Melbourne one, the latter
seems hard & materialistic &
gives you somewhat the im-
pression of a successful
speculator or man of the world.
Many thanks for the gift.
Wilton & I intend to get ours

taken shortly & you will notice
I think a sad change ⁱⁿ my
appearance. Miss Hop called
on me the other day & could
not help expressing her surprise
at the alteration. I rec^d. from
her a small parcel which I
will send to Mrs Clarke by first
opportunity.

I was glad to see that
your efforts in regard to
legal & political matters are
bearing good fruit. I send
you with this 3 copies of
the pamphlet & 4 copies of
the photo (Cost, £1) which

will clear off my indebtedness
to you.)

I saw Larke. He says the
No. of pieces you rec^d is correct.
The $\frac{1}{2}$ piece is made by the
^{August 502}
Cover. Is this satisfactory or
shall I see him again? You
were only entitled to one jug.

Whiting sends his kindest
regards. I told him of
your discovery & the opinions
of the C. J. whereat he
expressed surprise. I have not
yet seen Mr. Byrnes who is
busy "coaching".

I have reluctantly brought
myself to believe that your

opinion ³ as to the unwisdom
of my joining my brother is
correct & have abandoned
the idea for the present.

I shall probably soon
be leaving KCTD's & have
almost completed negotiations
for joining Mr. R. H. Smith
who, oddly enough, turns
out to be my cousin. More
of this anon.

I had the interview
with Heggenbotham mentioned
in my last but beyond
expressions of sympathy it
was barren of result. The

subject will be dealt with
by Parliament in the next
Session.

I got a situation for
your young friend Aldham
but he failed to put in
an appearance. I think he
must have left Melbourne.

Please give my love to
Mrs Clark. I earnestly trust
she is in good health & not
"bovited" by the seroant-
-nuisance. We have had
a very unpleasant experience
lately in that line, having just
got rid of a little thief, who

feathered her nest handsomely
in her 2 days stay.

My mother & sister send
their love - I am sorry to
say that they are both in
poor health.

I see Wetton frequently.
He is at present in good health
& spirits & is as delightful
company as of old. He won
the chess tournament & is about
to enter on another. We have
some charming co-cenings, usually
at McKenzie's on Saturday nights.

Please remember me most
affectionately to Jovey, Burn &

Lobbie. Did the latter get
the paper I sent?

You did not answer my
query re the "Times."

- I glean from my diary
the following notes as to
my reading this ~~read.~~ year:-
- (1) He-read all the best work
in the Quad (I want you to
send me in your next the name
of Mrs Faucett's article on
Proportional Representation &
also want to know where I
can get same)
 - (2) Freeman on Gambetta.
 - (3) Social problems, ~~X~~ Progress
& Poverty (bis) & his article

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re the Irish Land Question.

(Shall I send you the latter?)

(4) ~~Read~~ read Swinburne's Poems
& Ballads & Songs before
Sunrise; also Mosses from
an Old Manse; Lowell's
Poems, & At my Study Windows;
Saturday Pamphlets;
Herbert Spencer's The Man &
The State; Emerson (ubique
& Conduct of Life) Longfellow;
Sartor Resartus; see The
Wilderness (Warner); vice versa;
Candide & Rasselas (Morrison)
The Quarterly for July 54
(which you must read); ~~Wheatley~~
Lamb; Birnie's essays;
Stevenson's Travels with a

Souley of Virgibus Puerisque (I
am now reading his "Familiar Studies
of Men & Books") Darwin's Descent
of Man; ^(part) Hine's English
Fragments; Froude's Short
Studies (in part); "Democracy"
The Earthward Pilgrimage (I
am now spell bound by "Idols
& Ideals") Contemporary for
last ^{of} war; "John Bull & his
Island"; a lot of Macaulay
& Roswell; Drapers Conflict
(for the 3^d time) Mell on the
Floss & all the best magazines.

At present I am carefully
studying the Bible & have
just commenced Judge

Williams's "Religion without
superstition".

Most of this was done in
the small hours when sleep
had forsaken me or when I
was prostrated by illness &
absent from the office.

I have not yet got thro'
your Essay but I am
hugely pleased by it.

You can see that I
was trying to do too much
& that a breakdown was
inevitable. Never mind, it
brought me nearer to you.

I am in receipt of a

Letter from your firm which
has given some trouble - I had
to try to get service effected
first in Victoria, then in S. Australia
& found finally that the debt
cannot be found. He is believed to
be at Stursham whether the
Writ has been sent. Will write
officially shortly.

Please tell Mr. Simmons that
his letter to the C. J. has
been "lost." Probably the C. J.
mislaid it; he had better write
to the Prothonotary but the
matter cannot be dealt with
until another Chief is
appointed & it is quite

Uncertain when that will
 be done. I will see ~~that~~
 Mr. Stowell Jones & try
 to get further information &
 will write Mr. Simmons.

Good night, my best
 of friends. All good &
 happy things be thine,
 I cease not to love

Yours affectionately for aye

Wm. H. H.

A. Inglis Clark Esq
 So. Hobart

(over)

I have ordered the
Index, J. F. Clarke's two
Works that you recommended
to Lovell's Address from
Robertson & Co but I am
told they will not be to
hand for 6 months.

Can you recommend
any more spiritual food?
Wly

Give the children a kiss
all round for the sake of
"Brother Walter". When is
Alec's birthday?

Will you send me a
copy of Anson's photo
of Mount Wellington viewed
from the New Hudson Road
if the cost is only about 5/-
I wish if possible to get a
duplicate of that in the
Tasmanian Pub. Library.

Don't forget the
article in the Quarterly
on the 3 poems in
Memoriam.

Now I must stop. - Fare!