

3 Lansdown Terrace
 Lansdown Street
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Dear Black,

Don't think that this ^{is} in
 any sense - a reply to your long & welcome
 ltr. It is only because Joey leaves
 us to-morrow & that I am afraid
 you might attribute my silence to
 neglect, that I write at all. For
 the present then I'll content myself
 with merely answering yours by
 replying to those parts of it that do
 not require much study. & defer a fuller
 reply till next mail. Joey will tell
 you all abt. my plans & prospects
 hopes & fears, all about our little
 everyday life & doing, the scenes he & I

have viewed, the places we have
visited & our long yaras - I was
very down hearted just before he
came & I am afraid will be so after
he has gone, for my fellow lodgers,
tho' nice enough in their way, are
not the congenial friends I had
in the old place -

I was delighted to see by the
warm, kind tone of your ltr that
I have not lost a place in your
regard & it is my earnest wish
that I may never forfeit your
friendship & respect but that every
day may, indirectly, bring me
nearer, for I keenly feel that need
of a friendship which does so much
to raise & elevate us.

With your Photo I was delighted
partly because it is a token of
affection & partly because it serves
vividly to recall days & scenes that
hold a foremost place in my
^{regard.}
~~heart~~ - Jove's faces yours in my
Album & I think Milton's ought to
be there also. Mine will reach
you when I can afford to get it
taken.

Needless to say I wish the
Quad every success with its new
captain. Turn to my letter to explain
why you do not answer that part
of it which relates to furthering
the magazine here - surely you do
not doubt my sincerity & believe me
I have the means to do so.

I wish I were back to in
Stob! Town to read with you - Brightly
stated this is the course I would
pursue in Common Law, - First read
III Sep. Comm. then Smith's Action
At Law, then (very carefully) the 3

C. L. P. Acts - noting where they differ
from the English Statutes - then take
Halliday's Digest as you exhaust each
branch, say, Garnishee orders, & of
course use this Book as a kind of
refreshment to what you have been reading -
lastly take the questions asked in our
(late) local exams going carefully over
each question & mentally making each
answer as full as possible - I had a
very good set of these papers & lent
them to C. P. Ford. from whom ^{you} ~~who~~ can
obtain them - It is impossible to avoid
blundering in your reading especially
as to times & dates unless you carefully
ascertain whether the English Act on
the subject is extended to this Colony
& if so to what extent. Featherstone has
my list of Acts extended, I advise you
to get it from him, make a copy of
it & use it on every occasion - I don't
believe much in Broom - but he can
do you no harm - especially in sweeping
assertions.

The last Quad I thought very
weak - with the exception of your
article in the perusal of which I
experienced ^{why was there no respect if I?} great pleasure. I hope
you will continue to ^{keep} ~~meet~~ me informed
in the doings of the Literary Trio - my
sister has my nos. - & she tells me she
read "Musco & the Opera" with delight

I am sorry you thought me so unobsequant as not to be aware that the gist of your Debate speech was contained in "Our Frutikan Constitution". The reason I wanted it was that I wished by its perusal to call up the recollection of every phase of that interesting occasion - ("Just fancy"!) four of the Members of our old Association, - Jones, Sullivan, Jovey & self, - being present last Sunday at a heated Freethinkers discussion, in Melbourne!) Never mind I hope to get Wilton's speech on that occasion. Remember me affectionately to him, tell me he owes me a long ^{one}, some poetry & his Speech &c. - I have ^{not} time to write him

this mail but ask him not to forget
me, as he will never be forgotten by me.

Dont forget my hint as to getting
you Books to there - I have an annotated
& interleaved set of the C. L. P. Acts -
I will give it to you as soon as
I have perused the Melbourne ones.

Remember me kindly to Chair
give him my address - I should be
glad both to hear from him and to
do anything I could to advance
his interests. Also remember me
to the Frods & any friends who may
yet remember me. I do not forget.

Your faithful friend
W. Hill

P. S. I suppose poor Pope got it
very hot in the Debate - Tell J. G. H.
I am going to send him his complete
works.