

48 Perth St Hobart
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My dear Andrew,

I congratulate you on
the advent of another little republic.
I trust that the mother of the
Tasmanian future Gracchi is
"doing well". Please give her my
love. I at once informed Milton
^{of the happy event}
You will hear from him by this
mail, - or rather Mrs Clark will.
He was here as usual last
Evening & gave me a sketch of
what his letters will be. You
will find it both interesting &
humorous. I am glad to say
that Milton is very well. I
never saw him looking better.

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He seems intensely devoted to his chess pursuits - quite absorbed in them, in fact, & therein finds that refuge from "the tempest - cares of life" that I find in literature. I have been reading very hard lately & mainly on the lines I laid down in my last. I find it very hard, however, to systematise my reading & would be grateful if you could give me some advice in the matter. One of the most delightful books I have ever read is one I got from Nettie the other day, - "English Professors" by Eric Robinson. Have you seen it?

It is a great trial to me to have to keep up both law & ^{Magazine} literature, and yet one can't wave that

(When I say "trial"³ I mean difficult)
For instance, there is a fine series
of critical articles running through
the National Review at present,
entitled The Liberal Movement in
English Literature. Have you noticed
them? I am deeply interested, too,
at present in a fine article in
Blackwood's for June on Shakespeare's
sonnets (none of the old tedious rubbish
about so-called autobiographical
allusions, but putting the matter in
an altogether new & interesting light.)
I wish you or some other member
of the Club to read it. By the bye
call Ivey's attention to an article
(if he has not seen ^{them}) to two fine
articles in the Fortnightly for May,

one on Swintowne & the other on
 Mock Buddhism, in which latter
 article Theosophy gets "slops".
 Another good article is one on
 Lowell in the last no. of the "19th
 Century" which, however, I expect
 has not escaped your eye. Are
 you reading the Bishop of Melbourne's
 lectures on the "Galatian Lapse"?
 They are very able & I'll send them
 to you if you like. Did you get the
 "Once a Month" Newspaper I sent?

I am impatiently looking forward
 to a long letter from you.

I am very sorry to find your
 house ran you into such expense.
 Of course you were right not to
 think of acceding to my request &

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I am sorry I put you to the disagreeable necessity of having to refuse it. I had to raise a loan on the usual (!) 60% terms.

My main object in writing this is to ask you to do me a service of another kind - under the Sup. Court Rules of 21 May last (Copy herewith) I am applying to be admitted. It is hinted to me that a difficulty may arise by the Ind^{os} ^{here} objecting (1) that there is no reciprocity as to admission between Victoria & Tasmania (2) that the standard of legal education in Tasmania is not "substantially" equal to that of Victoria (see rule 25. c.) - Can you help me to get over this difficulty? I

thought that if ⁶you saw Giblin's
A.C.F. explained the difficulty
that it might be got over either
by showing that the standard is
the same or by altering the
Tasmanian rule to make it
correspond with ours - I can
think of no other way - Please
attend to this at once as I am
applying on 1st September (I only
got a copy of the rules yesterday)
I shall be glad to hear from
you soon on this point.

Did you ever see such a
bungling, & confusing & awkwardly
worded rule as No. 42 (ad fin.)
so far as I am concerned this
rule says that the other new

rules shall come into force on 21
May & then says that (so far as
I am concerned) they shall not
come into force until certain other
rules come into operation (!) When
the last named come into force who
can say

It is of great importance to
myself & others that the
application on the first should
be successful. We cannot apply
again until 1. Decr.

Both Witta & I are very
anxious to know how the dinner
on the 4th went off. Burn's letter
was very meagre. How did you
like Witta's verses? I thought them
good in the main.

I am sorry to say I have
 been again in bodily pain lately.
 I was examined lately by Dr^(now)
 Rudall (one of the best physicians
 who advised me at once to
 undergo an operation for the
 removal of those blessed p-o-
 This will cost about £35 & I shall
 be laid up for a month & as I
 am to find the necessary funds
 escapes my comprehension. Heigh
 ho! What a world this is!

Notwithstanding I bate no jot of
 resolution & intend to struggle on
 manfully - I have found such
 "comfort clapt in truth revealed"
 that "all my fears are laid aside."
 Good night, dear Andrews. Write soon to
 I hope I shall see you affectionate
 Hobart
 W. Kelly