

W9/B1/52

Coreen Station

July 15th 1880.

My dear Mr^s Walker -

Your kind letter

gave me much pleasure
at receiving & I now endeavour
to answer it in a satisfactory
manner, hoping to give pleasure
to all it concerns - It is rather
difficult for a young man, placed
in the position that I am at
present, to give himself anything
else but a good character, - but
mine is a simple, plain one &
soon told - Both Isa & myself
had expressed the same opinion
that we were each unworthy of each
other, being a very natural thing
for 2 young people like that day,

but still I think I have the
advantage in gaining her
dear love, which I hope ever
to retain, giving no cause for
her regretting it. With regard
to being steady, I may say
more than many other young
placed in a hot climate on
a station with temptations
to drink every day, that
I have for the most part
withstood it all, I have
never had a liking for it,
in fact I have seen so much
of it around that has given
me an utter dislike for it,
but as Isa thought it would
be best I have promised
her not to touch it, I have
enough decision of character
to be able to abide by it - I am
not given to praising myself

much but I think I can say
I am as well conducted as a
business habit allows him to
be, I am of a naturally quiet
disposition but kindly I think,
industrious & persevering also
for I am never at rest until
I have got something to do, with
regard to anything else, dear Isa
will be able to tell you as she
knows as much as myself -
for I think we know each
other thoroughly now - I had
a nice long letter from her
this morning, she writes capital
letters - Enclosed you will
find one of my Portraits,
which I hope you will
please accept with my
best wishes - You may be
sure I was very sorry at
parting with Isa so soon,

but it was quite impossible
to stay any longer, poor
girl she could hardly realize
my going, we are to correspond
every fortnight, after she
leaves Melbourne, which I
hope will cheer us up during
the interval apart from
one another, it will be 12
months before I am over
again, it is a long time to
wait, it will help to draw
us closer to each other.

With kindest wishes
to all.

I remain -

Yrs Most Sincerely,
Thomas Crosby