Dear Clark,

I was sitting in the chilly parlour of my humble abode, all in body & soully exercised in the spirit, thinking over my unlucky fortune, with the threatening aspect of which the glorious stormy weather out of doors was in perfect unison, when the door bell resounded to the well-known long-a Ting Tung! Your welcome bit together with the specially welcome letter, was handed to me. Ten minutes have scarcely intervened between the receipt of that letter & my sitting down to reply to it. First of all, forgive me, dear "Father", for anything that seemed like petulance or perverseness on my part, at your silence, but I have been so stretched, at intervals, that I suppose I was over sensitive to anything that seemed like neglect, & you especially I should be very sorry to be forgotten—not for one moment did I under-estimate the ties upon your time & attention, but still, after Milton & Joey having written, I wished to have a line from the foremost of the Bilateral, as a kind of testimonial, as it were, addressed to my better-self.

Fond etc. of speaking about my plans & prospects, (if such there be) I am almost inclined to relinquish the seemingly endless quest after that tantalizing hill of the tribe. Presently I shall omit that subject altogether from this letter & confine myself to other matters. Milton, however, will tell you all about me, for I have written to him at length. I have tested his friendship for me severely, but he has been equal to the strain. I cannot be too grateful to him. As, I trust, lastly yourself have written to me, each in character the other, you cannot tell how comforting it is to me to know—that, although far away, I am not forgotten by
the I whose affection I respect I must forgive. Sincerely do I hope, my dear Sir, I am induced to continue to hope by the kind tone that pervades your letter, that I am still numbered in the ranks of the "children." One thing, too, only, makes me waver in this hope. Thinking of Burn, you say: "He is not the first, I suppose, he will not be the last, to grow tired of me." If there be any covert allusion in this sentence to myself, I speak to you, with all the sincerity of which I am capable, that you wrong me. Perhaps no one knows better than yourself (or myself!) all the faults of my weak, unstable, if vivacious nature, but still, if there is any virtue (as I esteem it most) which I possess, pure and undimmed, it is friendship; and I know hardly any one who has greater claims on my gratitude (respect) than yourself. I say this from my heart, not with any intention to flatter or compliment, but with a desire to detach myself from you, with a sense of having long owed—If I were by course or careless word done ought to hurt your feelings, the "internal monitor" has never ceased to reproach me. By this apology for any such misconduct, I already feel much relieved. How to fresh woods to

I am eager to view, by some patent act, my strong learned sympathy with ye "Quads"! shall not rest until you show me how I can do so in my new sphere—I have already told Mrs. R. to name effect, but, in case of his forgetting it, I repeat the wish to you. My sister is well known in literary circles; here it has much influence in that quarter. She has read all the "Quads," is in rapport with it's poetry, that the "Window" in the "Quads," I would do anything to directly or indirectly advance its spread. She herself (in my opinion) writes very well. I had an interview with the Ed. of the "Australian." But long back respecting some poetry of hers. He praised it highly, for it will appear shortly, when it does I will send it you, with your candid critical opinion on it. We are jointly engaged on other literary work just now, of which more hereafter.
I want to believe in the "lead," explained how I thought my legal education had helped me understand the themes, moral, social, philosophical, of the day, but that I hoped by doing work to get equality to that dignity. The worn-out dignity of my office life in Holt House being now numbered amongst the things that were, my "home," here being more happy of the temptations to stray being "nil," I hope to with some degree of confidence, to get realize my wish. Of this, I am more certain.

Hilton led me to suppose when he left that he would forward me this photo—your both know now I should cherish it now I learn from Sony that he wishes to make out of this promise on the ground of its being "touchyish.

Please reason with the misguided young man. I know you that you have yourself made me a solemn promise that I am without the earlier part of this lucid that the fact will be sufficient. I think the two ought to be taken in a proper.

There is one point in your life. You do not speak enough of yourself. I wish to know all your doing especially about your legal studies, (I.B. You could get any law books more cheaply here than by any or course). You must not become an editor alone. Remember how your articles have now been running 18 months. Tell me all about Adams and the office work. Of course you will discreetly tell my want of success from all but the "children."

I have asked Hilton for his speech on the Great Debate. Could I have you to also? They all be returned.

My life over here will be a very happy one if the future only brighter. I read nearly all day in the Public Library, in any repeat same performance or write free. He rare to go down town, needless to say, I live with the greatest parsimony. I can weather any. I need if necessary...
As you have visited Ulster I cannot describe it; I have pictures.
I might draw of it, would only take the color of my
general, desire, thought. Justice to say I like it better everyday.
My last home, you know, was an unhappy one, I feel that
I can see clearly. The testimonials describe me as being a
vastive. The firms have fight very shy both of professionalism.
Now the fact of the desked in fact, and very flourishing
lone, in whose office there was a vacancy, told me frankly
that this was the sole reason of his urging me the bill.
This is the more provoking as the salary annexed to such
an office or situation range from 300 to 520 per ann., and
I could cause so much happiness to do so much.
I had been the lesser, I am - however I take the
advice the Trio have given me - I am often conforting
myself with the lines, "The true shall finally crown."
You know the rest. Thanks, too, for your kind exertion.

Request for my trouble feelings and lack of ideas. I must first insist if you not
be know yourself by over-work or anxiety if it can possibly
be managed by your temper. Knowing too the
many others that express your time, I neither request nor
expect a speedy answer, but hoping to hear from you, when
you do write, at length, I wound up with the hope that
the long list of your friends towards admire may be endorsed
by the name of

Your faithful, affectionate friend,

T. Hill

P.S. Please ask Mr. Hill to send all Book, paper, etc, not to bother
at! As a hint, if I have asked. I must not to mention that I am
in addition to four reading, busy, engaged in preparing for the Matriculation
Examination, of which they think a good deal over here. Much to my
surprise, I learnt that one ASt. degree is not in any way a
substitute for either the Matriculation or the Civil Service Examinant.