Stanley,
24 August 1885.

My dear Blaik,

I must ask you to excuse my not having written before this to answer your letter which I duly received. Had I done so I should have saved you a disappointment, for I intended, when I did write, to mention that I am the author of the letter signed 'Kappa'. I received your note through the 'Mercury' tonight, and I am sorry that you will not have the opportunity of making the acquaintance...
of a new brother. I have lately been more fortunate in knowing you in this respect, having met with a Unitarian who had been a member of Dr. Brookes' and J. P. Hopt's congregations in Glasgow. He is a tailor employed by Dempsey & Pearce of Lancaster, and was lately round this way on business. His name is Wolfe. He has been but a short time in this colony, and is leaving at the end of the year for Sandhurst. He is exceedingly intelligent and well read, but I must confess I was rather disappointed with his Unitarianism which
is too much of the negative and destructive type. Besides, he has never heard of Chas. Beard, and had only a vague recollection of Dr. Martineau's name.

I have been under a serious disadvantage not being to contribute anything to the discussion on the subject of "payment by results." Through living at such a distance from Hobart, "overpressure" of work also leaves me very little time for writing. I have already sent two more letters—one through a brother teacher signed "Didaskalos," and another, one from myself signed
"Sleph." The latter is a protest against some backguard paragraphs in the Catholic Standard for July, indirectly expressing the public school teachers. The former was intended to strengthen St. J. Taylor's by answering once of R. J. H.'s arguments. It is doubtful, however, whether they will appear, as I see by one of tonight's "Mercury" that the Editor wishes to close the discussions, and does not intend to publish all the letters on hand. I am sorry for this as I intended to write another letter giving a teacher's objections to the scheme of payment by results.
I also wished to show simply by my letter that the Roman Catholics could not provide any kind of education at all, (much less education as efficient as that now given), at a lower cost than that of the state schools.

I am very happy to let you have the volumes (2) of Bann on "Paul." You would have had to wait a good while for them, if you had waited till Mr. Rule's visit to Stanley, as that does not generally occur till the end of November. I am glad to be able to tell you that I had the opportunity of
forwarding the parcel to Lanchester by Mr. Wolfe, who left here last Saturday, I don't know when he would be in Lanchester, but I asked him to have the parcel at the Education Office there for Mr. Rule, and I forwarded a note to the latter, apprising him of what I had done, so that you will probably get the books next time Mr. Rule visits Lanchester. Perhaps you had better drop him a line as well.

You are at liberty to keep the books till Xmas. At least, I shall probably be in York then, and if not, I shall be able to find means of getting them.
back, as we are occasionally having a case sent from Hobart.

With kind regards from Mr. Lovell both to Mr. Black and yourself.

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Yours faithfully

S. O. Lovell

P.S.

We all received our copies of "Modern Thought" punctually.

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