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My dear Sir,

You will remember
the time when I had the pleas-
ure of meeting you in Mel-
bourne while I was doing
duty for the Victorian (Ct.)
I have often thought
of writing you since I
should be very pleased to hear
from you. Although I am
a bad correspondent, my
memory is good for
people I have met and I'd
have liked to see more of
It is now nearly 2½
years since I left Australia
My health, which had
not been much better

in Melbourne, was very
much benefited by the
voyage home & a long rest.
I got in Italy, my only
trouble is with my throat
which is so absurdly sensitive
that I am often
hoarse while my general
health is good as ever.

Are you still in the
same position as regards
religious views? At home
here we are hopeful that
while there has not been any
abandonment of ground
gained from superstition
and dogmatism, we are
at the same time more awake
to the need of more of the
~~the~~ devotional life of
religion - I was

very much interested in
reading the address of ~~the~~
Moorhouse at the Lambourn
Church Congress. I wish I
could believe in the honesty
of his position, (I do not say
the honesty of the man,
that I have no doubt of)
I should be ready to enter the
Church, myself.

I am strongly inclined
to return to the colonies
with a view of settling in
Tasmania. The climate
would I feel sure suit me
better than that of Australia.

The question is how
could I earn a living?

Do you think that a
man could get literary
employment? I mean

on a paper or magazine?
Or could a paying
business as a publisher
be established, or
one bought? I should
be very willing to work
but it must be some kind
of brain-work & that I fear
may not be in demand.

When you have time
write me a line or two and
tell me what you think
a man such as myself
could do.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
W. E. Mellone

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