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My dear Andrew,

I was much
 pleased to get your last
 letter and to learn that
 you & yours were all well
 except Lou who I trust is
 well away from 'his infantile
 disorder' by this time.

The heat here for some
 time past has been positively
 theoric (revised adjective)
 and does ~~it~~ not conduce
 to energy of mind or body.
 Last Sunday (which by the
 way I observed was a bit
 of a terror in Hobart) was
 a demon in its intensity of
 heat - so added to our houses

we are threatened with a
water famine, and on that
particular Sunday morning
I had to sit on my bed
and muse whether with
the pint and a half of
water allowed me I should
wash myself, or whether
I should drink it, I washed
and regretted - 'tis so rather
hard, but like the London
sweep, I ~~would~~ always
wash once a week whether
I want it or not, so if I
can manage 'tis I need not
complain - Even the pubs
run dry on Sunday; and
after drinking out a
friend's house where I went
on Sunday (a charming
widow, by the way), we

called forth in the evening
for a fresh supply and
could barely get what
we wanted. The best
port pubs were a
widespread, and a litter
of dead marines. I've
had thirst lately that I
wouldn't sell for something.
I might fill this letter
with meteorological remarks,
but let me haste to
other topics.

Thanks for P. O order.
I find that "The Historical
Basis etc" is not to be obtained
in Melbourne. Muller has
one copy only in his circulating
library. It has just been
placed there and will not
be open to purchase for 6
months to come. I have not

Get settled for the sake of
Rayne (this is about the
largest biography on earth,
I suppose); but I will do
so and send you the
receipt.

Waeter seems much
better in physical health,
but he still remains very
moody, and I see but
little of him - I saw
him a few days back,
& I conclude from our
conversations that his visit
to Tasmania is not at all
within measurable distance
and you need not look
for him.

The Antislavery Church
is expected to be ready
in April - the Schoolroom

has been found deficient
 in ventilation, and is very
 oppressive in hot weather.
 The attendance has not been
 good on this account, and
 on account of the withdrawal
 of some of the congregation
 who were displeased with
 Walter's pretensions style of
 second marriage - Wattle
 has been lecturing on
 Common Prayer at the Social
 Union and elsewhere - At
 the Hawthorn Grammar School
 where he delivered it
 seconded the vote of thanks.
 S.H. is out of sorts with
 Watters, and denounces the
 second marriage with
 Peckniffianunction. I shrewdly
 suspect however that he is
 more cut up by the fact that

he lent Walters the
celebrated "Fragments of
Your Rhonds" and he returned
it ~~one~~ day in chilling style
without ~~at~~ vouchsafing a
single comment - Dear me!
what a thing it is to be
a poet in this workaday
world -

You would no doubt
cultivate an exceedingly broad
smile if you were told
that I was a Tobaccoist
& Handdresser, and yet I
have become one - I have
bought a business in
Bourke Street, and have
is going to run it - Of
course this has been done
for his benefit, and is
calculated to give him a

good start - The business
has been carefully
assessed, and a good
return is guaranteed with
moderate attention. I
was much helped in this
venture by H.G. Turner
of the Commercial Bank
who has allowed me a
liberal overdraft on my
personal guarantee alone,
which is very handsome
of him and may I
suppose be taken as a
flattering expression of
confidence - Hancuthing
6d. Shaving 3d ^{& cigars} Best
brands of tobacco always
kept on stock at lowest
trade prices - Excellence
combined with civility -
Vivat Regina! -

Amidst the many cares, and pecuniary troubles which have beset me of late, I have not lost sight of paying a visit to see "the old familiar faces", and I look forward to reserving enough time and money to permit me to come over at the end of this month or first thing in February. I deeply hope I shall not be balked of this. I am much fagged in mind and body and the work at the office has been excessive, in consequence of a number of the staff being away.

Thanks for your card. I hope you & yours & the circle generally spent the holidays happily. With love to Madge and the Kuehns, and the kindest remembrances to the boys, believe me always affectionately,
J. G. Stanton