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My dear Padre,

I break the long  
 silence there has been between  
 us to wish you on the eve  
 of Xmas and the New Year,  
 and to wish you and yours  
 all the happiness and content  
 I desire that time to bring  
 to them - Now that another notch  
 is about to be cut on the stick  
 of time, we think of sad days and  
 of those dear to us who are  
 still spared, and by and by  
 of how "the strong god circumstance"  
 has really dealt with us -

Since I last wrote you  
 there has been nothing of  
 moment happen to me. I have  
 been confronting certain difficulties  
 and doing the best to get  
 over them. I am glad to say

I have succeeded somewhat in  
this and I trust next year will  
be more propitious - I owe you  
£7.15.0 still in respect to  
money you advanced - I have  
brought myself to put off the  
return of this to next month.  
You see I am still guilty of  
a certain dilatoriness of character.

I saw Dobbie when over  
here. I met him accidentally  
in the Street near the office, where  
he was looking for some place.  
He had been several days in  
Melb then and I thought it rather  
lacking in civility that he  
had not troubled himself to see  
me and wasn't even then  
thinking about it apparently - On  
the eve of departing he called  
at the office with (Fucham) &  
that was all I saw of him.

I saw Dawson both on  
his going through Melbourne &  
on his return. His holiday  
appeared to have done him a lot

of good, and he determined that  
we should have one evening  
together on his return. We  
had dinner at the Caffè d'Italia  
and saw a farcical comedy at  
the Bijou. He had a long pitch  
on many matters, of which probably  
he has told you something.

G. B. G. has been for some  
time in Gland - at Buslane  
on the business of Peacock & Co.  
At present he is in Sydney  
on similar account. He has pulled  
me from both places, and finds  
life in lodgings very dreary.  
The seap he is going to get wife  
& family up to Sydney where he  
is likely to stay some time.  
I think George is restless and  
dissatisfied in his present  
position; but he gives no signs  
of abandoning it yet.  
I see next door to nothing  
of Walter. If G. comes to our  
house sometimes. She was there  
yesterday & stayed till this.

morning - she has been  
 distinguishing herself recently in  
 Melbourne literary circles - particularly  
 by a paper on Cleopatra read  
 before the Austral Salon & the  
 Shakespeare Society - A lecture  
 on the Interpretation of art has  
 also been well received - She  
 is supporting herself entirely by  
 her literary work and is  
 having a pretty hard time of it.  
 She never visits Walter's house,  
 as she says Mrs G. just will not  
 let her and influences Walter  
 in many other objectionable  
 ways. I do not know Walter's  
 wife, but I hope she is better  
 than Mrs G. makes her out to be.

Mrs W and Min are well.  
 Min has been successfully married,  
 and completed his 1st year on 11th  
 just - They are going to "Danedite"  
 Station at Omas and probably from there  
 for a little while to Port Campbell where  
 the "loch Ard" was wrecked - This  
 trip will be restful and economic -  
 both desiderated.

Present kindest regards and wishes to  
 Madre Omas, Alex and all of them from  
 Mrs W, rest, and in hope that you will take  
 a good and well earned respite from business  
 believe me dear Andrew over the  
 ever affectionately yours A. J. O'Brien

My dear Pa  
  
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