My dear Padre,

I hear the long
silence there has been between
us to write you on the eve
of Christmas and the New Year,
and to wish you and yours
all the happiness and content
I desire that time to bring.

I desire that time another match
for them - Now that another match
is about to be cut on the stick
of mine was the wish | of our dear to-do who one
of those dear to-do which has
still opened, and by and by and
ever since the string with us
has really dealt with us.

There has been nothing of
a moment happen to me, there
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 must need you will be more propitious. I owe you £1.15.0 still in respect to money you advanced. I have thought myself to put off the return of this to next month. You see I am still guilty of a certain dilatoriness in character.

I saw Dobbie when over here. I met him accidentally in the street near the office, where he was looking for some peace. We had been several days in Melbourne and I thought it rather lacking in cordiality that he had not troubled himself to see me and wasn't even then thinking about it apparently. On the way departing he called at the office with Fincham and I saw in all I saw of him Dawson both on his going through Melbourne and on his return. His holiday appeared to have done him a lot.
good, and she determined that we should leave one evening together on his return. We had dinner at the Caffè d’Italia, and saw a farcical comedy at the Bijou. We had a long pitch on many matters, of which foolish she has told you something.

A B E has seen me a few times on Queensland, on the business of Peacock and Co. at present she is in Sydney on similar account. He has written me from both places, and finds life in both very dreary. We hope she is going to get into a family to stay some time.

I think George is restless and dissatisfied in his present position, but he gives me signs of abandoning it yet. I see next door no nothing of Walter G comes to our house sometimes. She was there yesterday. She played till this.
morning. She has been distinguishing herself recently in Melbourne literary circles, particularly by a paper on Cleopatra read before the Australasian 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 keeping a pretty hair and good style. She never visits Walter's house, as she says Mr & Mrs will not let her and influence Walter in many other objectionable ways. I do not know Walter's views. I hope she is better off than Miss & makes her own hole.

Mr W & Mrs W are well. Mrs W has been successfully deceived, and completed her 1st year on 11th March. We are going to Warrackale, and probably from there to Port Campbell where the 'Hulk and' was wrecked. The trip will be restful and economical.

Present kindness to all, and to Miss & Mrs W, and hope you will take a good and well earned holiday. Believe me, ever sincerely,

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