

5 Douglas Terrace  
Montague St  
Albert Park

4th July 1883

My dear Andrew from me, my faithful  
child, to thee greeting and warm  
re-remembrances - Just a few lines to you  
on this day, which has played so great  
a part in the annals of our friendship.  
I made previous enquiries but could not  
ascertain that there would be any  
public recognition of the day in  
Melbourne. This afternoon I attended  
at the Consul's office in Collins St W,  
and presented my respects to the President  
The consul, Mr G M Spencer received  
me very kindly, and after shaking hands  
with me entered into a few minutes  
conversation in the course of which  
he informed me that beyond a few  
evening parties he was not aware of  
any other celebration of the day in  
this city. There were about 20 or 25

fellows present in the Consul's chambers which were draped with various flags, and had a banquet table set out. While I was there, I had the pleasure of drinking a champagne bumper to the toast of "The Queen and the President of the U.S. of A" which was briefly proposed by Mr Spencer. I did not stay more than a quarter of an hour, as I did not know any of the Americans present. This little business gave me some satisfaction, although it was colorless enough compared to those indeed glorious Fourth's the memory of which was painfully present with me to day; and when I drank the toast I mentally coupled it with all the boys in the faith with the father in the chair. Close at hand where the Stars and Stripes were floating over the Consulate I noticed the French and Netherlands flags flying over their respective Consulates. I notice that there is a more

ample recognition of the day in Sydney and probably George will have something to tell you. I have received a letter from the latter since his arrival in Sydney, in which he amusingly portrays the agonies he underwent at the hands of old Keacock, who gave him a sufficiently frightful dose of the ultra orthodox.

You will know ere this that I have left Klingender's, and the wherefore I am still at Wybourn's which will serve till something better offers. Wybourn is a rum stick, but of this and other subjects more anon. I had a conversation with Walter per telephone (connecting Wybourns and Klingender's) the other day, in which I ascertained his health was keeping up and that his brother was gone, a fact which gave us mutual satisfaction. W. sent me a testimonial on the eve of his departure, which is a satisfactory one, and will no doubt assist me in my future movements.

I wrote to Dowsett in the terms  
you suggested, but me know  
if you hear anything from England  
worth communicating. By the bye I  
did not tell you I met Ned Pitfield  
about a fortnight ago near the Albert  
Park Station - He told me he had  
given up the State School teaching  
and was then seeking some clerical  
employment in Ellbourne. He has  
seven children now. Nice! He  
also told me that his brother Jim  
the parson at Horsham, is so ill  
that he does not expect him to live  
out the year at the best. He appears  
much distressed in consequence of this.

Commend me to your honorable  
wife and Miss Emmy Johnny & Annet  
for me. I hear that the 2 former speak  
of me at times, and wonder when I  
am coming to see them. How I wish  
I could drop in upon them some  
Saturday, and tell them something of my  
experiences. Remember me to Willie and  
Bobbie, and those whom you know  
I have near at heart and believe me  
hear Andrew  
Ever affectionately,  
P. H. H. H.