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My dear Andrew,

I received your last letter yesterday morning, and was very glad to hear from you again - I have made enquiries about Rossini. Robertson had a number of copies of the book you require but sold out soon after they arrived. On enquiring at Challen's I found all he had was a life of Rossini and Vol 1 of his "Origin of Ideas". The latter is apparently the work so far as it is published at present.

the second hand and in  
excellent order and the  
price he asks to is 9/-  
With this I send you a  
Second hand Catalogue of  
Melleus of Red mouth, which  
you may not have seen,  
and from which you may  
glean something.

Since I last wrote I have  
had a severe attack of  
neuralgic pains and teethache.  
After much suffering I had  
to resort to the dentist, and  
about a fortnight ago I had  
two molars drawn one after  
the other. I don't know whether  
I should have been so ready  
to have the second one drawn  
had I known what a business

it was to be. The mangled  
thing broke in my jaw, and  
had to be dissected out in  
three pieces, and I was  
all blood and nerve-shock  
for some minutes. However,  
this had the desired effect,  
and the pain left me  
next day - In other respects  
my health continues good,  
and I have increased in  
weight since I left Tasmania.

I daresay you already  
know from my letter to Willie  
that Wibourn, with whom I  
still remain, has entered into  
partnership with his son.  
The old man is a peculiar  
fish but I have got on with  
him very well. He is not  
agreeable, but he says little.

This son Frank is a different kind of being and I like him very well - It will please you to learn that I have obtained a further increase in my salary to £156 a year, and this, with the 1/2 guinea a week for the prochein department in the "Reader", will enable me to face a little better the res angusta domi -

I have had a conversation with Mrs Webster since her return from Sydney. She informs me that the congregation at the Unitarian Church there is principally made up of Spiritualists and Secularists - the real Unitarian element

in it being a small one.  
 With regard to Mr. Cannon  
 I find that my own private  
 views of him as a preacher  
 are endorsed by those I find  
 taken of him by others in  
 the Chapel here who heard  
 him - He created an unfavorable  
 impression - Mrs. W's brother  
 describes his style as being  
 "forcible feebleness", and I must  
 confess this is not an inapt  
 phrase - The first sermon he  
 delivered here was entitled  
 "Divine Discontent", and it  
 seems to have evolved a good  
 deal of human discontent.  
 George said we should lose  
 by the exchange, and he  
 prophesied correctly. Mrs. W has  
 lent me a small collection of

addressed delivered by McLennan  
in Sydney entitled "Liberal  
Religion in the Higher Current  
Literature". These are arranged  
in five lectures. "H. C. Leighton:  
the Divine Idea of Life".  
"George Eliot: the Development of  
the Individual & Life of Humanity".  
"Tennyson's 'In Memoriam': an  
attempted solution of the problems  
of Suffering and Death". "Charles  
Darwin: Development of the method  
of Cognition". "R. W. Emerson (the  
Poet of Evolution): God in Nature".  
This is a good enough programme,  
but I was not much taken  
with them except that on  
George Eliot which I think very  
well off. I shall take an  
early opportunity of seeing Mrs  
Webster again, when I will sound

her as to the occupation of  
the puppt when she leaves.  
She has lately started a  
series of addresses on "the  
Atonement as History, Philosophy  
and Poetry". I regret that I  
have not heard any of these.

The first Sunday I was at  
Wallan Wallan, the next  
Sunday I was too queer to  
go out, and last Sunday I  
missed the church train. As  
I had expressed some interest  
in this subject she will  
perhaps think it queer that  
I so persistently absented myself.

I will reserve till my  
next letter (which I hope to  
send presently) my views as to  
the English business; ~~as~~ I would  
have replied to this before ~~but~~

I not remained under the impression that I had already written you as to your suggestions.

With this I also send  
<sup>(addressed to me by)</sup> you an "Australasian" containing a contribution by Moullane Esq. which will doubtless interest you. It also contains a poem by McRae which is calculated to do the reverse - These verses strike me as being particularly inimicalous and weak - and the reference to the G.M.G. not of the first order of decompositon. It is a pity that G.H. McC. woke up to the cry of "Ritt's dead" if this is a sample of his undertaking business -

With Kisses for the kindins & my unchanged regards to Madie & affectionate remembrances to the "buddies" Believe me ever affectionately Vostro familiaris J. G. H. ton