My dear Andrew,

I am in receipt of your letter, enclosing business letter re English matter, also 160 feet of books and £6 order for a guinea.

First of all let me — congratulate you on the — accession of another little — padre to your household — please convey my best hopes and regards to Mr G, who I find is doing well as also the new olive branch — What do you mean to call him?

Crawley Summer, Storinca Marlin?
Wael Wacksworth Concolio, Lucian
Henry Vane, Pfeiderer Hugo,
Martineau Grey, — now's your
time for fireworks in nomenclature,
in honor of the "good old cause."

His mother's grace, his father's fire
may these in poodle junior glow —
Such is the latest fond desire
that emanates from "Buddha!"

I visited the place where
Robertson is disposing of a
quantity of stock at reduced
rates, but the result of my
investigation did not at
all confirm Wackers report
that things were going at
such ridiculously low rates.
There is certainly a substantial
reduction, bringing every look
under the English publishing price, and there are some
good collars if one had the
cash. I was fortunate
enough to secure the "Weber's on National Religions" and
"Max Müller's Essau". The
former I got for 8/ (10/6
English price) and the latter
for 10/6 (Enq. price 16/). They
had the 2nd Vol. only of
the "Religion of Israel", and
with this exception there was
nothing else of your list in
the stock. I have therefore 2½
shillings in hand. I carried
out your instructions with regard
to the forwarding of the books
and trust that you will receive
them all right.
Yawning about books, I made a colar some times back at a J. Smith's in Soaveston St. 
I got Emerson's complete well bound and printed - work - poems and everything 
bought up to his death, for $1, and Jenny's Ballads of Poems, crimson cloth cabinet 
edition, for a bob - both quite new. I was as proud as punch about the first, for I enquired the price with some misgiving as to my ability to buy it, and it was the only copy she had. 
I "snatch a fearful joy" by occasionally going into a bookshop and standing about with feelings akin to those of the gammon nose.- flattened
against the plate glass of a seductive pre-shop; but when I feel very bad I can book off to the Public Library. My researches wherein I shall have something to speak of shortly.

Conway's result has turned out much as I anticipated. I was afraid that you would be mucked up a deficit, as you have not mentioned the number of the Quaternion. I do not know what the full amount is, but I'm afraid you have had to pay rather heavily for the knowledge of seeing the latest Lion movie. The other part of my anticipation has also turned out correct - that you would derive more...
from your private meetings with
him. Man from his decline
I am just in receipt of a letter
from Willie in which he has
been good enough to give
me some reflections upon
the visit and thus, with your
own remarks, conveys the
assurance to me that Conway's
presence has left for me a
true remembrance for you all.
I saw Conway on his return
to Melbourne and had a
conversation with him, from
which I gathered that to use
his own expression, "he had
had a lovely time"; and
I also gathered that on your
occur I had been freshly remembered
at which tidings, and coming to
me in the way they did, I was
not a little affected.

The want of smoothness which a time-honored proverb has allowed to the course of true love seems, unhappily, to have found illustration in the affair d'amour of our brother George. I am quite in the dark as to the real cause of this disunion. He says he is as fond of and entertains as high an opinion of her as ever; he believes this is reciprocated, and yet everything is at an end between them. He also says he is blameless in the matter. The weather is too warm for conundrums just now, so I give it up. Seriously, I feel very much for him, and his tone is very miserable and dejected about the rupture.
I went to the Melbourne Cup, of course. Walter had intended to go but was out of town so I had to take charge of J.G. and Mrs Wilmore (née Julia Richardson) and drove about on the town amid a perfect delirium of humming. It is a lovely course, and everything is arranged with great style. Nearly 130,000 people were present. I sent you a copy of the Argus with a report on races I witnessed. Best regards to Edmond. To Edmond, Willie and Halsey for 4 - do 4 now, you recollected, and believe me as always affectionately yours

A. E. Mon.