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 St Vincent Place
 South Melbourne
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My dear Andrew,

I am in receipt
 of your letter, enclosing
 business letter re English
 matter, also list of books
 and P.O 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 Mrs L, who
 I trust is doing well as also
 the new olive branch — What
 do you mean to call him
 Charles Sumner, Antoine ^{Max} ^{Sumner}

Wael Wadsworth Loucois, Ludlow
Howay Vane, Pfeiderer Hugo,
Marlmeau Grévy, — now's your
time for fireworks in nomenclature,
in honor of the "good old cause".

His mother's grace, his father's fire
they these in padre junior glow —
Such is the latest fond desire
That emanates from "Buddles Joe"

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 Wacker's report
that things were going at
such ridiculously low rates.
There is certainly a substantial
recession, 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 "Lectures
on National Religions" and
"Max Müller's Essays" - The
former I got for 8/ (10/6
English price) and the latter
for 10/6 (Eng 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 2/6
balance in hand - I carried
out your instructions with regard
to the forwarding of the books
and trust that you will receive
them all right.

Talking about books, I made
a collar some time 'back at
a J Smith's in Swanston St.

I got Emerson's complete
^{well bound and printed -}
works - poems and everything
brought up to his death, for
3/4 and Tennyson's Ballads
& 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 misgivings as to my
ability to buy it, and it was
the only copy he had -
I "snatch a fearful joy" by
occasionally going into a
bookshop and standing about
with feelings akin to those
of the gamin nose-feathered

against the plate glass of a
 seductive pie-shop; but when
 I feel very bad I can bolt
 off to the Public Library, my
 researches whereon I shall
 have something to speak
 of shortly.

Conway's visit has turned
 out much as I anticipated.
 I was afraid that you would
 be metted in a deficit, as
 you have not mentioned the
 number of the Quaintow I do
 not know what the full amount
 is, but I'm afraid you have
 had to pay rather heavily for
 the privilege of hearing the
 latest lion roar - the other
 part of my anticipation has
 also turned out correct - that is
 that you would derive more

from your private meetings with
him than from his lectures
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 this, with your
own remarks, conveys the
assurance to me that Conway's
presence has will form a
fine remembrance for you all.
I saw Conway on his return
to Melbourne, and had a
conversations with him, from
which I gathered that to use
his own expression, "he had
had a lovely time"; and
I also gathered that in your
cups 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 ascribed
to the course of ^{love} mine, seems, unhappily
to have found illustration in
the affaire 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
interested 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 courtdrums just
now, so I give it up. Seriously,
I feel very much for him, and
his love is very miserable and
defected about the rupture.

I went to the Melbourne
Cup, of course. Waeter had
intended to go but was out of
role, so I had to take charge
of J. G. and Mrs Wilmore (née
Julia Richardson) and prove
about on the town amid a
perfect delirium of hummings
This a lovely course, and
everything is arranged with
in great style - Nearly 130,000
people were present - I sent
Mrs Clark an "Argus" with a report
or used it with ^{3rd} ~~in~~ ^{not sure}

Brotherly regards to Edard, to
Edard, Willie and Hissee
for 4 - do 4 now, you recollect,
and believe me as always

Affectionately yours

J. G. Mott