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The Melbourne Coffee Tavern,  
89 BOURKE STREET EAST.

Melbourne. 20<sup>th</sup> April 1883

My dear Padre,

You will have learnt I dare say, from my letter to George that I had been severely racked with influenza and diarrhoea - the latter complaint comparatively left me at the ~~begin~~ middle of the week under diet regimen, but the former has clung to me very pertinaciously and it is only today that I have experienced much relief from it. This unfortunate state of affairs has interfered with my peripatetics and I have not broused round so much as I have would have done otherwise. Since writing George I have done the Zoological Gardens and yesterday I went over Yarra Bend Asylum. The weather for the last 2 or 3 days has been very fine, but today there is a tendency

Yours truly  
Geo. M. M.

to dust and heat. The weather  
I believe on the whole is warmer  
than is usual at this time of  
the year. On Thursday night  
Wisher the English chess expert  
called for me and I accompanied  
him to the German Lawn Verein  
in Karlsruhe where they have lately  
started a prominent chess club.  
Some of the well known Welt  
chessplayers were there such as  
Lueeman, Simpson, Agg, Hamel  
and Loughran and I was  
introduced to them by Wisner.  
Wisher was the guest of the  
evening and gave an exhibition  
of simultaneous play. There were  
7 chessboards arranged in the  
centre of a large room and  
Wisher walked up and down on  
one side. He made his moves  
with marvellous celerity, and at  
the conclusion of the performance had  
won all the games played some  
16 or so with the exception of one drawn.

During the evening I played a  
stormish with Simpson which  
resulted in a draw.

I have not seen Mrs Webster  
since last Sunday as mentioned  
in my letter to George.

My principal object in writing  
you this hurried note is to let  
you know at the earliest moment  
that I have accepted an offer  
from Kungender Charley & Lockson.  
The matter was arranged yesterday  
and I have then letter this morning  
requesting me to commence duties  
on Monday morning next - The  
situation is in the Com Law  
Department, and there is a complete  
understanding between us that I  
am pinned to the practice here and  
will have to learn a good deal -  
It has been therefore arranged that  
I shall start on such work as will  
gradually lead me into the more  
responsible position which they wanted  
me to take at first. I start on a  
salary of £125 p a, with a speedy  
rise, of course, if things go satisfactorily.

I could not expect a larger salary under the circumstances, and I trust that what I have done will please you - I will write you again next week.

Convey my warmest regards to Mrs C - and tell the "Kindnesses" that Mr. Snedder has not forgotten them in this great big place, and he trusts that they have still a little corner for him. I sincerely hope the boys are well, and that the course of love runs smooth. Tell Ivey I will send him a letter directly.

I have not seen a great deal of Waeter since I arrived, except on those evenings when I went home with him - He complains a good deal and says a walk of 2 or 3 hundred words knocks him up. He changed his W yesterday and consulted Dr Moloney who said he had been wrongly treated. As this treatment has extended over 4 months, it is rather rough on poor Waeter to be so informed, and he is rather depressed.

Dear Pache I trust you are well - I have not yet said or written what is near my heart but I know you will not think me indifferent. God bless you  
Your affectionate  
J. M. M.

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