

Wanstead House, Hampstead
Windsor 17 April 1882

Dear Andrew,

C.4/C.133

I purposely
delayed answering your last letter
until I should find myself in a
position to discharge the pecuniary
part of the heavy debt of gratitude
I owe you. I find I cannot
do so & therefore no longer
procrastinate.

Enclosed you will find the
fulfilment of a very old promise
in the shape of my photo.
It is a pretty good one though
taken at a time when I was
greatly harassed by trouble.
Any how, I know that you

"Woud view it with a Critic's Eye?"
I send a Copy for Milton, which
please hand to him with my
love & reproaches for having
left me without a line for 11
months - I am having copies
taken for Burn & Wey, to
whom my filial regards,
As to news. I have
but little - "Shops" of course
comes first. I'm still very
busy, - busier than ever, with
very little so leisure,
I have had some hopes of getting
the rules & admn. here
altered & both the C. J.
& Higginbotham have promised to
assist, but my hopes were
fainter & fainter - At the
present moment I am in

Active Treaty³ for the management
of the Premier's Office in Sydney,
Allen & Allen - They offer
good terms if matters can
be settled I shall bid
adieu to Victoria in August.
You can imagine better than
I can describe the reluctance
with which I have arrived
at this determination as its
necessity involved the relinquishment
of the fondly cherished scheme of
our et union, but I cannot
wait much longer, for it is no
use continuing "with diurnal
"budgets overwrought" & I
must do something to better my
position. Of course the asso-
-ciations may fall through, but

✓ if they do⁴ not I shall
be Enabled to Considerably
better my position & to also
provide for my relations I shall
write you again shortly as to
the progress of this matter,

We are all well & pretty
comfortable & send our kindest
regards to you & Mrs Clark,

I had a very pleasant
series of out-door excursions
at Easter, chief of which was
a walk to Doncaster & back
(30 miles) with Theodore Link
(brother of "The" Link) who
is one of the best road men
in Melbourne & a fine hearted
fellow to boot.

I was Enabled to give my
sisters a 6 weeks holiday at

Christmas⁵ when she paid
a visit to our old friend
Mrs Melmore (née Julia
Richardson) - She was much
benefitted by the change,

I am still in low
funds - My brother had
almost entirely failed to keep
his promise of assistance &
in consequence I am nearly
always short of the money, and
it takes all my earnings to
keep up this household -
In fact, I am no better
off than I was 12 months
ago - I think that under
these circumstances you will
reluctantly agree in the
course I propose to adopt

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- My humble ventures in
mining have resulted in
failures owing to my being unable
to hold them. I thought that
you might have referred to
the mysterious Telegram you
sent me some months back
as to "Oriente", but I suppose
the subject escaped your notice.

We are expecting ~~over~~ a
visitor here in the person of
Miss Dodds who intends
coming to reside in Mebb.
about the end of this month.

My life goes on in
very much the quiet way
which I described in my
last & at times I experience
fits of deep despondency

Which cause me to take very melancholy views. I will not trouble you with these thoughts as I may yet rise superior to my reverses & I am very far from losing hope.

I have had 2 letters lately from C. P. F. who had Entered into partnership with W. L. Murdoch at Coosamundra, N. S. Wales. I am afraid his excessive habits forbid his friends from Entertaining sanguine views of his future.

I cannot report favorably in reply to your kind Enquiries as to "The Cause"

"of true love." My happiness
is very far from being
assured in that respect,
but I do not despair—
Ever yours W. H. W. W. W.

I have no more to say
as to myself. I send you
my unchanging & affectionate
regards & shall eagerly
await the receipt of your
next letter. I trust that
your path through life
continues to be smooth
& pleasant & that it may
ever be so.

Fare well, for the present,
to yours ever affectionately
A. S. Clark
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