

5 Camont Terrace
 Grey St. E. Melb
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Dear Andrew,

As you imagined I was
 very anxious as to the cause of
 your long silence & had almost
 given way to the thought that
 you had finally abandoned me as
 a mauvais sujet & irreconcilable.
 I had begun to cast about for
 some means of approaching you
 afresh & obtaining an explanation
 of the cause of your displeasure
 & of ascertaining if I was finally
 cut off from your love - imagine
 then my joy when your kind
 letter arrived - The reaction set in
 & I was now than ever sensible
 of my demerits & of your
 Enduring loving kindness -
 So then, we are shortly to

be re-united - I am to see
you once more & live the
old life - I assure you that
in all seriousness that your
advent may be the turning
point of my life - I am
almost morally & mentally dead
& your presence will be like
a pleasant shower falling on
a sickly fast-fainting plant -
I shall not attempt in this letter
to explain myself or to reduce
my incoherent utterances to
anything like sense or order, but
only say that I feel already
a better being in knowing in
knowing that I retain some of
your old regard.

However let us come to
matters of detail -

You did well to write
to me early as this exhibition

is turning Melbourne to-day -
-town & in a little while
it will be a matter of difficulty
to procure decent lodging -
On the receipt of your letter
I consulted with my Landlady &
she has kindly consented to try
& to arrange the means so as
to secure the reception of the
"Father" in the retreat of his
erring child - our house is only
a very small one - it is already
"densely populated" but by dint
of giving up of bed rooms, packing
off of daughters & "running out"
of sons, the desired result
can be obtained - If you are
accompanied by George Edwards
he & his Brother Fred can sleep
in the latter's room & you
can have Mrs Fairbairn's (if of
course, changing her habitat)
I am extremely, grieved to

hears of the trouble that
threatens Wilton & anxiously hope
that your apprehensions on that
score are groundless & that he will
be able to accompany you - If
so we can manage to find
room for him. Give him my most
affectionate regards & say I am
waiting to hear from him. Please
remember me most kindly to
your wife who I trust is
still enjoying the excellent health
which I noticed on my visit - I
know the children are well &
happy. How indeed could they be
otherwise? Remember me kindly to all

Be sure to write me directly
on the receipt of this & at inform
me if Wilton & Edward are coming
the date of your arrival; the length
of your stay; how long you will
be in Melbourne; how often away &
generally state your plans -
I am too busy to write at
greater length but conclude with
renewing my expressions of regard.
Your affectionate friend
W. J. G.