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Dear Black,

Don't think that this <sup>is</sup> in  
 any sense - a reply to your long & welcome  
 ltr. It is only because Joey leaves  
 us to-morrow & that I am afraid  
 you might attribute my silence to  
 neglect, that I write at all. For  
 the present then I'll content myself  
 with merely answering yours by  
 replying to those parts of it that do  
 not require much study. & defer a fuller  
 reply till next mail. Joey will tell  
 you all abt. my plans & prospects  
 hopes & fears, all about our little  
 everyday life & doing, the scenes he & I

have viewed, the places we have  
visited & our long yaras - I was  
very down hearted just before he  
came & I am afraid will be so after  
he has gone, for my fellow lodgers,  
tho' nice enough in their way, are  
not the congenial friends I had  
in the old place -

I was delighted to see by the  
warm, kind tone of your ltr that  
I have not lost a place in your  
regard & it is my earnest wish  
that I may never forfeit your  
friendship & respect but that every  
day may, indirectly, bring me  
nearer, for I keenly feel that need  
of a friendship which does so much  
to raise & elevate us.

With your Photo I was delighted  
partly because it is a token of  
affection & partly because it serves  
vividly to recall days & scenes that  
hold a foremost place in my  
<sup>regard.</sup>  
~~heart~~ - Jove's faces yours in my  
Album & I think Milton's ought to  
be there also. Mine will reach  
you when I can afford to get it  
taken.

Needless to say I wish the  
Quad every success with its new  
captain. Turn to my letter to explain  
why you do not answer that part  
of it which relates to furthering  
the magazine here - surely you do  
not doubt my sincerity & believe me  
I have the means to do so.

I wish I were back to in  
Stob! Town to read with you - Brightly  
stated this is the course I would  
pursue in Common Law, - First read  
III Sep. Comm. then Smith's Action  
At Law, then (very carefully) the 3

C. L. P. Acts - noting where they differ  
from the English Statutes - then take  
Halliday's Digest as you exhaust each  
branch, say, Garnishee orders, & of  
course use this Book as a kind of  
refreshment to what you have been reading -  
lastly take the questions asked in our  
(late) local exams going carefully over  
each question & mentally making each  
answer as full as possible - I had a  
very good set of these papers sent  
them to C. P. Ford. from whom <sup>you</sup> can  
obtain them - It is impossible to avoid  
blundering in your reading especially  
as to times & dates unless you carefully  
ascertain whether the English Act on  
the subject is extended to this Colony  
& if so to what extent. Featherstone has  
my list of Acts extended, I advise you  
to get it from him, make a copy of  
it & use it on every occasion - I don't  
believe much in Broom - but he can  
do you no harm - especially in sweeping  
assertions.

The last Quad I thought very  
weak - with the exception of your  
article in the perusal of which I  
experienced <sup>why was there no respect if I?</sup> great pleasure. I hope  
you will continue to <sup>keep</sup> ~~meet~~ me informed  
in the doings of the Literary Trio - my  
sister has my nos. - & she tells me she  
read "Musco & the Opera" with delight

I am sorry you thought me so unobsequant as not to be aware that the gist of your Debate speech was contained in "Our Federal Constitution". The reason I wanted it was that I wished by its perusal to call up the recollection of every phase of that interesting occasion - ("Just fancy"!) four of the Members of our old Association, - Jones, Sullivan, Jovey & self, - being present last Sunday at a heated Free Thinkers discussion, in Melbourne!) Never mind I hope to get Wilton's speech on that occasion. Remember me affectionately to him, tell me he owes me a long <sup>long</sup> one, some poetry & his Speech &c. - I have <sup>not</sup> time to write him

this mail but ask him not to forget  
me, as he will never be forgotten by me.

Dont forget my hint as to getting  
you Books to there - I have an annotated  
& interleaved set of the C. L. P. Acts -  
I will give it to you as soon as  
I have perused the Melbourne ones.

Remember me kindly to Chair  
give him my address - I should be  
glad both to hear from him and to  
do anything I could to advance  
his interests. Also remember me  
to the Frods & any friends who may  
yet remember me. I do not forget.

Your faithful friend  
W. Hill

J. J. I suppose poor Pope got it  
very hot in the Debate - Tell J. J. H.  
I am going to send him his complete  
works.