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 St. Vincent Place S.
 S. Melbourne
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My dear Andrew, *

You are doubtless
 surprised that I have neglected
 writing you for so long a
 period - The fact is I wanted
 to write you a longish letter
 and would not write a scrappy
 one - I have been very much
 worked in office and chess
 matters for the last 6 weeks -
 In addition to which I am
 preparing for a paper to be read
 before the Victorian Social Union
 I think of heading them to Walt
 Whitman's "barbaric yawp" amplified
 and brought up to date - Then I
 have the paper promised to the
 Minerva knocking round - These

things conjoined with unavoidable
social engagements and sexual
flirtations have quite stranded
me for correspondence - Mais,
adieu mon cher ami - A'etes
vous pas Pâche? Voilà tout!

Walter & I went to Ballarat
at Easter - The trip was a very
fine one, and the fact that
we did it economically did
not take away from the
enjoyment - Ballarat is well
worth a visit - The Eastern
part is interesting as being
the cradle of the place: it
is however much behind the
Western which contains all the
fine buildings - We had a fine
birds eye view of the place one
afternoon from the Black Hill
close by the site of the famous

Eureka Stockade - Everything is
done on a fine ample scale
commencing with the celebrated
Sturt St 5 chains wide - We
went round Lake Wendouree
visited the part known as Long
Gong 5 miles from the City
where the Water works are ^(a charming place)
and did a number of the
public buildings - at the
Mechanics' Institute I played
the Ballarat Chess champion
one game and unhorsed him.
In the Botanical Gardens the
statues scattered about are
all pure marble, a class
considerably ahead of the
City Gardens - We were only
wishing we had you or
some of the boys with us -
En fin we had a good
some recuperative holiday

blessed, with good air, good
company and good appetites
Que voulez vous?

Many thanks for your photo.
This is something like a
portrait - "This is the few that
Shakespeare drew", undoubtedly.
This has caught you with
an expression not too stern
and not too quoling, a happy
mean which it is pleasing
for your chickens to contemplate.
As for Mettee's photo - bah!
I have it at the bottom of a
box, and haven't lookt at
since you left. What on earth
do people ~~what~~ want to get it
for? Are they your friends?
Surely Madhe doesn't like this
appantion. If so love must
indeed be blind.

Walter has handed over to me your commissions as to Rosmini & Hotze. With regard to the former I have arranged to get at once the 2nd & 3rd volumes - the 3rd volume has been sent on ^{as requested} - the 2nd volume is out just now. Directly it comes in it will be sent on. I paid for both vols - the costs was 16/.

(1/2 price) - With regard to Hotze, Mullen has not got it either second hand or new. Robertson had a few copies but he has sold out. This work is in two parts and the price for each part (new) is 14/.

Elliston & Leatherstone have relieved Dave of his situation

in their office. This I understand
does not in any way arise from
dissatisfaction with him, but
because they have got an
articled clerk who can take
his place & so reduce expense.
Leatherstone has given him
a very good testimonial & as
has promised to aid him
in getting a new billet. I
mention this matter with some
reluctance; but, dear Andrew,
if without inconvenience you
could give him a lift towards
getting a new appointment,
I should be grateful to you.
I need not tell you what
pressing reasons there are
for his speedy employment.
I thought of writing to Dodo

but I hardly care to do so
He has always professed
much friendship towards me,
but I have a doubt whether
it is not that kind of feeling
which requires a good deal
of personal attention to
cultivate. - Dave remarked
in his letter to me that they
wanted a clerk at G & B's.
He did not care to go there,
and it is needless to say that
I don't want him to be
buried in that "charnel house,
with speeches" -

At the throne at Eastern
Hill we are at present throne
upon by Mr. Baum - Walters
& he having exchanged pulpits
for a fortnight. I can't stand
Baum. That's the long and

shoot of it - I went last Sunday
morning when his sermon was
"Joined to idols - or ideals?" The
subject was a good one but
for all that I should have
liked much better to have
been sprawling by the Upper
Yarra, sucking a cherry wood
pepe and joining myself in solitude
to my own idols or ideals
or what in God's name they
may be - I send you two
programmes from which you may
gather something of the past &
future of the tabernacle -
Thanks for letter re Tom Paine,
a fine effort, and salutary -
Walter & I delighted - Father
can still put his oar in. You
have doubtless seen your Conway
note in the Melbourne Herald.

Give my kind love to Mrs C
and some good kisses to the Kinchins
who I hope are all well - Greetings
to the boys. I shall be writing to Willie soon
Believe me ever affectionately,
Johnston

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