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15th June 1884

My dear Andrew

I duly received
your letters of the 10th inst.
and the business one I
have formally replied to by
the letter enclosed. In regard
to the latter I have nothing
further to add except to thank
you for your prompt attention
to the matter.

I only had one short
interview with Mr. Gamm
outside the Chapel after the
service on Sunday 30th Decr.
I had intended to see him
again the following Sunday

but it turned out that I was
not well, and it was a vile
day of dust and heat -
If his sermon be an index
to his usual style, I must
confess I don't care for it
much. Personally he seems
agreeable, and intelligent; and
he was good enough to extend
and invitation to me if I should
visit Sydney - I was not
introduced to Mrs. C. Priestess
Patty has been stovring at
Sydney, and I shall beat her
up presently for a sparrow.

The Amas holidays passed
very quietly with me. I had
dinner on Amas way with Walter
and his people. On Boaring way

he and I went to Queenscliff
and Sorrento in the Bay
Steamer "Kensdale". We did
not land at the former place;
but we went ashore at Sorrento
and proceeded our way to the
Back Beach which lies on
the outer coast. It was a
fine sensation for me to
sniff the real old ocean
again, and see the great rollers
thundering on the rock bound
coast. We could see Wilson's
Promontory in the far West,
with the celebrated "Rep" on the
other hand, and Cape Otway
in the blue distance. The day
was a very fine one and not
too warm. On New Years day
I went, having nothing else on,

to the Melbourne Cricket Ground
with a fellow lodger and saw
some of the play of the Australian
11 against the Combined Test Team.
The day was dismally hot, and
the dust made us look like
meal-sacks - My companion on
this occasion is just out from
England, and he complains
lugubriously of the maleficent
trinity of Heat, Dust & Mosquitoes.
The weather however I am
informed has been strikingly
mild up to the present, and that
the Summer proper (a improper/
is about to commence. My health
was very depressed during some
part of December and the week
before last, but I have rallied
& now feel as well as ever. I shall
be writing to some of the circle soon,
and in the meantime kindly commend
me to them, and to Mrs. C. not forgetting the children's
ever affectionately
J. W. H. H. H.