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My dear Andrew

I received your  
last letter yesterday morning  
and was very glad to hear  
from you again - I have  
made enquires about Rosmini.  
Robertson had a number of  
copies of the book you  
require but sold out soon  
after they arrived. On  
enquiring at Mullen's I found  
all he had was a life of  
Rosmini and Vol 1 of his  
"Origin of Ideas". The latter  
is apparently the work so far  
as it is published at present

It is second hand and in  
excellent order and the  
price he asks for is 9/.  
With this I send you a  
second hand catalogue of  
Mulleis of last month, which  
you may not have seen,  
and from which you may  
gleam something.

Since I last wrote I have  
had a severe attack of  
neuralgic pains and toothache.  
After much suffering I had  
to resort to the dentist, and  
about a fortnight ago I had  
two molars drawn one after  
the other. I don't know whether  
I should have been so ready  
to have the second one drawn  
had I known what a business

it was to be, the melted  
thing broke in my jaw, and  
had to be dissected out in  
three pieces, and I was  
all blood and nerve-shock  
for some minutes. However,  
this had the desired effect,  
and the pain left me  
next day - In other respects  
my health continues good,  
and I have increased in  
weight since I left Tasmania.

I daresay you already  
know from my letter to Willie  
that Wybren, with whom I  
still remain, has entered into  
partnership with his son.  
The old' un is a peculiar  
fish but I have got on with  
him very well. He is not  
agreeable, but he says little.

His son Frank is a different kind of being, and I like him very well - It will please you to learn that I have obtained a further increase in my salary to \$156 a year, and this, with the  $\frac{1}{2}$  guinea a week for the problem department in the "header", will enable me to face a little better the res angusta domi.

I have had a conversation with Mrs Webster since her return from Sydney. She informs me that the congregation at the Unitarian Church there is principally made up of Spiritualists, and Secularists - the real Unitarian element

in it being a small one.  
 With regard to Mr. Leamin  
 I find that my own private  
 views of him as a preacher  
 are endorsed by those I find  
 taken of him by others in  
 the Chapel here who heard  
 him - He created an unfavorable  
 impression - Mrs. W's brother  
 describes his style as being  
 "forcible feebleness", and I must  
 confess this is not an inapt  
 phrase. The first sermon he  
 delivered here was entitled  
 "Divine Discontent", and it  
 seems to have evoked a good  
 deal of human discontent.  
 George said we should lose  
 by the exchange, and he  
 prophesied correctly. Mrs. W. has  
 lent me a small collection of

addresses delivered by McLannan  
in Sydney entitled "Liberal  
Religion in the Higher Current  
Literature" These are arranged  
in five lectures. "Thos Carlyle:  
the Divine Idea of life".  
"George Eliot: the Development of  
the Individual & life of Humanity".  
"Tennyson's 'In Memoriam': an  
attempted solution of the Problems  
of Suffering and Death". "Charles  
Darwin: Development of the method  
of Creation". "R W Emerson (the  
Poet of Evolution): God in Nature".

This is a good enough programme.  
But I was not much taken  
with them except that on  
George Eliot which I think very  
well of. I shall take an  
early opportunity of seeing Mrs  
Webster again, when I will sound

her as to the occupation of  
the pupil when she leaves.  
She has lately started a  
series of addresses on "The  
Atonement, its History, Philosophy  
and Poetry". I regret that I  
have not heard any of these.  
The first Sunday I was at  
Wallan Wallan, the next  
Sunday I was 'too queer to  
go out' and last Sunday I  
missed the Church train. As  
I had expressed some interest  
in this subject she will  
perhaps think it queer that  
I so persistently absented myself.

I will reserve till my  
next letter (which I hope to  
send presently) my views as to  
the English business; ~~as~~ I would  
have replied to this before, <sup>had</sup> ~~but~~

I not remained under the  
impression that I had already  
written you as to your  
suggestions.

With this I also send  
<sup>(addressed to me & to)</sup>  
you an "Australasian" containing  
a contribution by Moncreux,  
which will doubtless interest you.  
It also contains a poem by McKee  
which is calculated to do the  
reverse. These verses strike  
me as being particularly  
inimelodious and wear - and  
the reference to the B.M.G.  
not of the first order of decomposition.  
It is a pity that G.G. McKee woke  
up to the cry of "Rill's dead"  
if this is a sample of his  
understanding business -

With kisses for the kindies  
& my unchanged regards to Madie  
& affectionate remembrances to the "buddies"  
Believe me ever affectionately  
Vostro fanciullo A.G. Hoffman