

107 William St
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My dear Padre,

I break the long
 silence there has been between
 us to wish you on the eve
 of Xmas and the New Year,
 and to wish you and yours
 all the happiness and content
 I desire that time to bring
 to them - Now that another notch
 is about to be cut on the stick
 of time, we think of sad days and
 of those dear to us who are
 still spared, and by and by
 of how "the strong god circumstance"
 has really dealt with us -

Since I last wrote you
 there has been nothing of
 moment happen to me. I have
 been confronting certain difficulties
 and doing the best to get
 over them. I am glad to say

I have succeeded somewhat in
this and I trust next year will
be more propitious - I owe you
£7.15.0 still in respect to
money you advanced - I have
brought myself to put off the
return of this to next month.
You see I am still guilty of
a certain dilatoriness of character.

I saw Dobbie when over
here. I met him accidentally
in the Street near the office, where
he was looking for some place.
He had been several days in
Melb then and I thought it rather
lacking in civility that he
had not troubled himself to see
me and wasn't even then
thinking about it apparently - On
the eve of departing he called
at the office with (Fucham) &
that was all I saw of him.

I saw Dawson both on
his going through Melbourne &
on his return. His holiday
appeared to have done him a lot

of good, and he determined that
we should have one evening
together on his return. We
had dinner at the Caffè d'Italia
and saw a farcical comedy at
the Bijou. He had a long pitch
on many matters, of which probably
he has told you something.

G. B. G. has been for some
time in Gland - at Buslane
on the business of Peacock & Co.
At present he is in Sydney
on similar account. He has pulled
me from both places, and finds
life in lodgings very dreary.
The seap he is going to get wife
& family up to Sydney where he
is likely to stay some time.
I think George is restless and
dissatisfied in his present
position; but he gives no signs
of abandoning it yet.
I see next door to nothing
of Walter. If G. comes to our
house sometimes. She was there
yesterday & stayed till this.

morning - she has been
 distinguishing herself recently in
 Melbourne literary circles - particularly
 by a paper on Cleopatra read
 before the Austral Salon & the
 Shakespeare Society - A lecture
 on the Interpretation of art has
 also been well received - She
 is supporting herself entirely by
 her literary work and is
 having a pretty hard time of it.
 She never visits Walter's house,
 as she says Mrs G. just will not
 let her and influences Walter
 in many other objectionable
 ways. I do not know Walter's
 wife, but I hope she is better
 than Mrs G. makes her out to be.

Mrs W and Min are well.
 Min has been successfully married,
 and completed his 1st year on 11th
 just - They are going to "Danedite"
 Station at Omas and probably from there
 for a little while to Port Campbell where
 the "loch Ard" was wrecked - This
 trip will be restful and economic -
 both desiderated.

Present kindest regards and wishes to
 Madre Cama, Alex and all of them from
 Mrs W, rest, and in hope that you will take
 a good and well earned respite from business
 believe me dear Andrew over the
 ever affectionately yours A. J. [unclear]

My dear Pa

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