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My dear Andrew,

I am pleased to find
by your last letter that the
cessa of your letters being
shorter than of old is not
any diminution in the warmth
of your regard. To my "too
jealous & suspicious soul" it
seems to me that there was
^{such} a falling off & I knew not what
until you had informed me
I was mistaken. Now, however,

I am at rest - on that point.

With regard to myself -
I have almost concluded my
arrangements with Mr Smith.
We go into partnership as
from 1st inst under the
style of ~~the~~ "Haden Smith &
Gill." I have drawn the
deed but it is not yet
executed - As soon as we
advertise I will send you
a copy of the "Organ" & ask
you to get a "local" put
in your daily papers calling
attention to the fact. The
partnership is anything but
favorable to my views, but

I have sent my application for Membership to the Secy of the Socy

I am too wearied to ~~be~~ pursue my own wishes any further. It is only (!) for 2 years -

My main object however in writing you to-day is to seek your earnest aid & assistance in promoting the sale of a volume of essays just published by a friend of mine. I have the highest opinion of his genius & hope you, after a perusal of his work, will concur in ^{that opinion} ~~it~~. He is ^{poor & is} lying ill at Sydney & I am doing all I can to assist him - If you ^{like} approve of his work I will get you a copy of "Leicester" & of his poems - To show you how he can write poetry I enclose proof (which please return by next post) of his latest poetic utterance - I think it 'll "fetch" you - The "Australia Essays" to which I have had 25 copies of Nicholls & Simmons, Collins St, Hobart, & hope you'll call on them, buy a copy, & push the sale - I think all the members of the Minerva should each have a copy - Forgive this scrawl - Writing in great haste - I longer better soon - With love to Mrs Clark & the children & thinking you are all well Ever yours