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My dear Andrew,

I have been so unwell
of late that I have been
unable to properly attend
either to business or to my
private concerns. The few days
leave that I took after Christmas
could not be termed "holidays"
as I was confined to the
house in great pain -
since then I have put in
an occasional appearance
at the office for an hour
or two daily but I have
not been able to do much.
One cause of my failure

to regain my health lies in
the fact that the weather
is terribly trying, - at least,
to me - on Saturday the heat
was 100° in the shade & on
Monday & to day it has been
cold enough for the use of
fires - These rapid changes
knock ^{me} up very soon & I
don't get a chance to
recover - Add to this that
my circumstances are
very much embarrassed & you
can imagine that at
times I feel my lot a
hard one - As to prospects,
they are nil. I am
waiting impatiently to see

if the ^{intend to} Judges alter the rule as to
admission. If I see no chance of that
long delayed boon being granted I shall
take steps to remove to another colony
as I am determined not to remain
in a clerical capacity any longer
than I can possibly help -

I saw Milton on Saturday. He is
trying to get the chancery editorship of the
Australasian rendered vacant by the sudden
death of Whisker. I am helping him & think
he has a very good prospect of obtaining
the vacant post which he could easily
fill & thus add considerably to his
income -

I have put the divorce matter into
the hands of a private detective whom we
usually employ, instructing him to make the
necessary preliminary enquiries, but only to incur
very slight expense. I expected a report from him
before this, but it is not yet to hand. ^{I will write again directly if possible} Many thanks for
your kindness in thinking of me in the matter. I would not have been
gainer by your sending the business to me & I think Morgan would do it
very well for you -

Owing to my continued illness I was unable to get into Town to bear ~~any~~ ^{any} fa which I am very sorry as I wished very much to do so both for your sake and my own. I live at a considerable distance from East Melbourne & the effort to reach it would have been quite beyond my powers. In fact, I can hardly crawl about at all -

I have no news whatever to communicate & being very much depressed by my "set, grey life" I do

not inflict any of my
thoughts upon you, knowing
by dint of Experience
that they would but consist
of regrets & repinings which
would perhaps make you a
share in my prevailing gloom -

For the present, then,
adieu. Please remember me
very kindly to Mrs Clark &
believe me

Ever truly affectionately
W. J. H.

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P.S. - I forgot to say that there is
no chance of my getting a
holiday before Easter & but a
fantome then -