

Bank place, Melbue,  
24 Jan'y 1884

My dear Andrew,

Since I last wrote to  
you I have received a report  
from the Detective I employed  
re Wooby & send same herewith.  
I hope it may be of some use,  
but it seems very vague &  
yet it was difficult in the  
absence of fuller information  
to obtain particulars without  
arousing suspicion. I hope  
it can be of some further  
use to you in the matter.

I received a letter to-  
-day from Mr Bowden, Solicitor,

Mrs. Hury, asking me to  
get the execution of a  
deed, Gamble to James, attested  
& stating that you had  
mentioned my name to him.  
Many thanks for your kindness,  
I will attend to the matter  
for him.

I have had several  
interviews & with Wolf Tuck  
& since his return. She was  
delighted with his visit  
& speaks of you & your  
kindness to him in the  
highest terms & hopes to be  
enrolled amongst the members

of your friends - What  
did you think of him?

Since I wrote the  
weather has been of a  
wintry & tempestuous (!) nature  
but it has slightly revived  
my flagging health. Owing  
to its severity, - I mean the  
weather's - I have been unable  
to get hold of Wilton to find  
how his chances of succeeding  
to the chess editorship of  
the "Australasian" stand, but,  
from what I can hear  
he has a fair prospect  
of success -

Necessities must be subordinated to the State

I heard to day that  
The Judges have framed a  
rule extending reciprocity as  
desired but the matter is  
Kept so close a secret that  
I cannot expect to get any  
definite information until the  
conclusion of the vacation on  
31<sup>st</sup> inst. & I dont suppose  
the rule will be promulgated  
until Easter Term.

Other matters are much  
the same as when I last  
communicated. I am anxiously  
waiting to hear from my brother  
& remittance, but suppose my

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the Judges have framed a  
rule & finding & cetera as  
stated by the matter is  
helpful to state a secret that  
I cannot expect to get any  
definite information until the  
conclusion of the vacation on  
Sept 1st. I don't suppose  
the whole will be promulgated  
until Easter term.

With kindest regards  
to some of them I feel  
it is not my duty to  
communicate of an ordinary  
nature. I have from my brother  
& remember, but suppose my