Coreno Station
Feb 15th 1880.

My dear Mr. Walker,

Your kind letter gave me much pleasure at receiving & I now endeavor to answer it in a satisfactory manner, hoping to give pleasure to all it concerns. It is rather difficult for a young man, placed in the position that I am at present, to give himself anything else but a good character, but mine, is a simple, plain one I soon told. Both Sea myself had expressed the same opinion that we were each unworthy of each other, being a very natural thing for 2 young people like that. Day,
but still I think I have the advantage in gaining her dear love, which I hope ever to retain, giving no cause for her rejecting it - with regard to being steady, I may say more than many other young placed in a hot climate or a station with temptation to drink every day, that I have for the most part withstood it all. I have never had a letup for it, in fact I have seen so much of it around that has given me an utter dislike for it, but as I've thought it would be best I have promised her not to touch it, have enough decision of character to be able to abide by it - I am not given to praising myself

much but I think I can say I am as well conducted as a household habit allows him to be, I am of a naturally quiet disposition but kindly. I think industrious & persevering also for I am never at rest until I have got something to do, with regard to anything else, dearly will be able to tell you, as she knows as much as myself - for I think we know each other thoroughly now. I had a nice long letter from her this morning, she wrote safety letters - Enclosed you will find one of my portraits, which I hope you will please accept with my best wishes - You may be sure I was very sorry at parting with Dec 20 2000,
but it was quite impossible to stay any longer, poor girl she could hardly realize my going, we can correspond every fortnight, after she leaves Melbourne, which I hope will cheer us up during the interval apart from one another, it will be 12 months before I am over again, it is a long time to wait, it will help to draw us closer back together.

With kindest regards to all.

I remain,

Yours Most Affectionately,

Thomas Crosby