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Sat. Aftn.

Dearest Doo,

Just a scrap from you this week which told us that you were well. You must be excused as it is plain that you have been overworking yourself, spite of all advice & warnings. However, it seems to be of no use talking to you, and any advice will come too late, as by the time you receive this you will be holiday making and I hope getting all right, if you have not completely knocked up.

Isa has got over her dyspepsia pretty well; no doubt it was caused by her over exertions in tennis. That's the worst of this family - They can never do anything in moderation. If they play a healthy game they must do it so that they are worse in health, if they go in for painting,

they must - but I refrain.

The poor little mother has been
sleazy this week. Her dyspepsia
has troubled her greatly, and she
has complained of constant pain.
She has taken to wine - 'Frontignac' -
which seems to suit her. What she
wants is a change. The girls are
talking of taking her to Kangaroo
Point, and Sam & Isa have gone
over this afternoon to see if Mrs
Tom O'May can take her in.
They talked of going to Summerhouse,
but Summerhouse especially in
winter, would be too dull, I think.
The little stir at Kangaroo Point
is good for her, & she has to see
people which is also good.

I think I told you that Effie
had gone. Sam got a note from
her the other day full of regrets
at having to leave what she felt
was really home. I think she has
a rough time. She is not to be
married for some time. Her young

man is building a cottage, and
I hear he lost money through the
Building Socy or something or
other. He had a girl in her
place, one of the 'Males' (the
Cabman). She asked leave to go out
one day, & took her bag & never
returned. We now have a very
pale, short, sandy girl, who is
quiet but seems to do fairly well.
Frances is the same as ever,
and quite a treasure - only she
has a bit of temper, which has
to be considered.

We are settling down for winter.
The days are getting visibly shorter,
and chilly and damp. It is
a pity we can't always have it
warm & sunny. All the visitors
have gone & things are quiet -
very much so in business. Still
we have enough to do.

Russell Young & Lou have bust

up, that is Lou & his father have
separated. I think Lou has been
too outrageous. At any rate Russell
says he has done with him.
Russell, or rather some of his
friends, approached me with
the view of restoring old relations
as before the split. But I said
if we went into partnership again
I was not prepared to do the
extra work of a larger business,
& get no more for it than W. & I
do now for a smaller. Therefore
I said R.Y. must make an
allowance of so much a year
or a Commission in Consideration
of his not working, to be paid
to the working partners, i.e. W
and myself. Russell was rather
indignant, I said he was going
to work & do more than ever, but
I have heard him say the same
thing so many times that
I couldn't rely on that aspect

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of the question. So as Russell
wouldn't listen to the terms
proposed, the proposal went off,
and I hear he is negotiating to
take a fresh partner. Perhaps
it is best so - but I don't see
why he should be sore about it.
I owe him no grudge & am quite
friendly with him, but mean
to guard myself against future
troubles as well as I can
after the experience I have had.
He is so variable that there
is no knowing but he might
change his mind again & want
to take Tom on again.

The Launceston exhibition
was a success & actually left a
profit. Norton & some others
encouraged by this are trying
to get up one for Hobart in
1894. I hope, if it does come
off, as seems probable, that

You will be able to send some exhibits, to show Australia that there is a Tasmanian School of painting.

The University is advertising for 3 lecturers - 1. Classics & Eng. literature - 2 Mathematics & Physics - 3 Law & Modern History. Each lecturer is to have £500 a year & we hope to get them in the colonies, & begin teaching early next year. I am very well satisfied with our progress so far. We have actually 7 matriculated students already.

The last of the Fruit Ships went this week, the Parramatta. The harbor has been quite lively with big steamers this summer, and we have up to quite lately

had 3 or 4 men of war
always in the harbour.

Millie Campbell & his wife
are coming back on Wednesday
from Sydney. Mrs Campbell
& FBC have been staying at
his house getting things ready,
& Mrs C is pretty well knocked
up. I saw her today. She was
greatly interested in your
description of the Crêmerie and
the festivities of Mi-Carême.
She sent her love to you.

The little mother sends her
dear love as usual. She seems
more cheerful to day, though
still complaining. Liz sends
love & is sorry she hasn't had
time to write. Eak has just
come in from Kangaroo
Point & asks 'Does the mail go

to day?' and when I said
Yes, she remarked 'Oh, bless
it!' which means that she
hasn't written. They have
arranged with Mrs May
to go over next week, so I
hope the mother will be able
to get over & that she will
pick up again. It is rather
far on in the season, but
it is sure to do her good.

Now, my beloved, take
care of yourself & make the
most of the short time that
remains for seeing people, &
visiting your friends. What
about chances of seeing Italy
on your way back? Let us
know your plans for returning.
I have another subject 'Captain
Cook at Adventure Bay' & a
beautiful photo of the place.

How ever devoted JCH