The University of Melbourne.

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My dear Nyrroe,

The mail has once more come in and I'm long for a few days over C.A. matters. After reaching Melbourne a fortnight ago I felt somewhat ready to set off up to the hills for a change before Penn began not feeling quite equal to settling down to the eternal grind of lectures once more. Certainly Victoria looked beautifully clean and fresh after the painlessness of S.A. generally. It was a great relief to be amongst dense timber and fern-pullies with any amount of
had a very comfortable journey, spread out on the road of the line, and through the town, which was quite empty, except for the occasional carriage. The weather was rainy, cold, and windy, but it cleared up to allow for a pleasant walk.

...the town as usual. After all, I did not see it in the summer, but in the winter, with the snow covering the streets and the houses. The river was frozen, and the trees were bare. The town was quiet and peaceful, with the sound of the wind and the waves of the sea.

...with the river. We walked along the shore, looking at the sea and the waves. I was taken aback by the beauty of the landscape. The sky was blue, and the sun was shining, with occasional clouds passing by.

...Saw many people walking along the shore. We spoke to a few, and they were friendly and helpful.

...walked along the beach. I was impressed by the size of the waves and the sound of the sea. It was a peaceful and quiet place, with the sound of the wind and the waves of the sea.
the latter in the best Wimmerian

even and must have made the minister

smile as it did me. The funniest

part of it was a sentence in which

he stated that many things in the

narrative were taken out of his journal

which is a remarkable statement in

consideration of the fact that I had

only once had a short glance through

the said journal in manuscript in his

office and knew practically nothing

whatever of its contents.

I suppose that before this you will

have had a copy of it.

It is

much like the usual run of such

things - "started in the morning on

a bear, 107.30, elevated then to 105.20" +

so forth + doesn't strike me as being

particularly interesting or as containing

much in the way of valuable observation.

If Ernest Cotte, Esq. is not attracted by

the paper on page 45 I shall be surprised.

"Mr. Cotte whose leave of absence had long

since expired, was asked to be permitted to