

Peake Station  
Warwick  
P. A.  
2<sup>d</sup> November / 03

Dear Professor

Yours, very welcome, of the  
1<sup>st</sup> Oct. sorry to learn. As I have been a  
month away from the Peake, (in Adelaide)  
I could not answer.

Thanks very much. To me of my temperament  
it is an absolute delight to receive a letter  
that is 'meant'. Dear old Gillen alto-  
gether a very characteristic letter. Good old  
chap. Good type of a good Christian.  
I had a big fight in Adelaide, and, acting  
on the advice of the Manager of the Bank  
of N. P. Wales - I decided to keep on the  
partnership - my my power is greater.  
But I mistrust the individual.

In the case of my wife & family, I hope the  
future is assured - in a moderate degree.  
My wife returned with me - leaving the  
children in Adelaide. We are enjoying  
a second honeymoon - Camping out -  
riding & driving about - Together.

'Tis a good thing to find one who will do

it.

Those cigars you sent me, I was not able to  
 finish. The Doctor forbid smoking, but  
 would not allow me to leave off entirely  
 in moderation. Nothing very serious - only  
 like many others - I have left <sup>part of</sup> my life  
 behind me - in the bath. That is to  
 say, that the actual leadership & mission  
 endured, years back, have left their  
 mark - & I am "glad" than I should be.  
 This is as it may be - but I hope for many  
 years of comfort & pleasure in watching  
 the growth of my children, & in the  
 protection of same.

I may possibly come to Melbourne before long.  
 One never knows where "station" matters will  
 take one to - and I fancy - that with the  
 Whakari resistance - we may have a small  
 "boom" yet. I hope it will "lead on to fortune".  
 Thanks for the Photo - They are very good. &  
 the Hacks - "Dorsey" & Co. are looked upon by  
 their dark acquaintances - as quite men of  
 mark.

I shall not easily forget your visit to this  
 spot, & much like to see you here again. But  
 that is not likely. Best wishes

Respectfully  
 Melbourne  
 Yours truly, D. McCombe