

Moonta

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My dear Spencer

I intended scratching you a line yesterday but I was fully occupied suffering recovery from the effects of too much Whiskey I made on the previous night. The Social was a great success; I am enclosing the Y.P. News report of it. The Mayors speech is the only one decently reported. My reply occupied about 20 or 25 minutes & although I had not prepared or thought out a line of it it was certainly the best speech I ever made. At the beginning of the evening I felt out of sorts &

hard to think would have  
quite any thing to get away  
but the money the strategy  
gradually worried me up &  
when I saw the copy I feel  
fed for any thing. The "Praxis"  
Weekly comes out tomorrow!  
will post you their report when  
will perhaps be fuller than  
this one. Affidavit in progress  
you have made a very good  
little speech which I do like &  
see produced. Verbatain is but as  
our local reporter do not make  
short handed I am afraid it is  
lost. Your health was almost  
with enthusiasm & it is quite  
clear that you are regarded as  
one fit to direct with the  
elect in Manila - Altogether it

was a kindly little courtesie inspired  
by genuine good feeling for which  
I am grateful.  
In town I met poor old Menard  
looking splendid in fact he appears  
to me to be in a dying bed  
Candiani & his mind appears to  
me to be unchanged. He does not  
appear to realize how ill he is.  
He is full of imaginary grievances  
against all & sundry labor  
bodies of organizing & leading an  
Rebellion to drive Richard & company  
£88.16.8 for preparing 2000 feet  
of film! The price fairly staggered  
me I always thought you should  
£20 because would it not be  
cheaper to get the work done  
in London? Surely the travelling  
show papers also cover Lincoln also

through the country districts do not  
have to pay such figures. Could  
you not induce the Govt to  
forego duties? I think it would  
be worth your while to discuss a  
road in the line of Charles Cameron  
Ringslow if it can be done I'm  
sure he'd do it.

I sympathize with your feeling  
about leaving Hamnerdale but  
since I became aware that it is  
damp I feel that you are all  
safer away from it. There is no  
hardship in having to live at  
the beautiful University grounds &  
if you are prepared to spend  
a little money the surroundings  
of your new quarters can  
be made very attractive. I'm coming  
the garden. Afternoon tea at

Common: once a year need not  
worry you for you can always  
(I will I have no doubt) escape across  
to the lab. My eyes are still  
causing me anxiety & I begin  
to think that the trip has left  
me an unpleasant legacy. I  
must run down to see Hamilton  
again if there is not some  
improvement shortly. He told me  
that Patton of Normanton was  
a close eye specialist as a  
young man - I don't think  
old Shurling has taken offence  
at anything you have written to  
him. He was just as cordial as  
ever & looks forward to seeing you  
in Melbourne in a few months.  
I think he rather resents my  
monopolising so much of your

of your time in Adelaide.  
I would have about the Horn  
collections. He told me  
good naturally. He told me  
that he was sending or had  
sent Fritz to Melbourne to  
Sydney Museum to examine  
the arrangement of the  
Ethnological things. I led him  
see Fritz. Starting wanted me  
to go to Malaga for a  
couple of days shooting but  
with characteristic idleness went  
to the Dedaparinga then visited  
I had enough money to feed my  
family for a month. I visited  
with the share vice nearly two  
years ago. I am now done with  
being royal's son in my  
migration as Judge of the land

Sub. Things are in a horribly  
bad condition in the Centre  
again drought & famine raging  
at the Barrow, a day or two  
ago Bondsham reported death  
three of three natives from  
Starvation & they are sending up  
additional supplies. There the  
Lord our work was accomplished  
last year. Hope this season  
has returned to her allegiance  
thinkal regards to Mrs Spencer  
I love to the girls. I like  
miss you kindly & would give  
much to have a visit home  
or two at Home or else  
Yours  
Fitz