

Woola

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My dear Spencer

I was glad indeed to learn from your letter that your outing had pulled you together again but I regret that you could not have spared more time. Old Jess Tap seems to think that your condition is satisfactory since you scooped six out of seven eggs provided for your joint breakfast. His writing grows more better like than ever.

I am much concerned about poor Louie & as soon as he gets to Iowa I shall try to

to get him down here for a few days I can hardly believe that he is suffering from *Leishmania alacia* but rather from some form of *Chambardia* brought on by years of neglect & hard drinking. He never was more than one *Chambardia* when Company and since they called rather *Chambardia* than named him that way some is that he would suffer from *Chambardia*, it was just a question from I had said a not uncommon form especially amongst very young men who wish to go as hardy but men. Many a night when he has been unable to sleep from sheer cold he presented in believing that he was suffering from *Chambardia* instead of from some of which I should wish him in cold weather. He used to be unable for more than half the night turning & turning

was again getting up to build up the fire - My fear is that if he fees a bit better when he reaches Adelaide he will plunge into an altogether open & if he really has his *Chambardia* he is done for I don't think it is *Chambardia* I hope he will go straight to Australia.

The neglect of Council Chomney affords me both the opportunity of that actually around the entire looking individual who in hand up is a man signally by means of gesture language to another man some little distance off whom he went to join the creek. Young man at the Initiatory who as young much in evidence especially when Thomas Allen has looked in here. It is not at all like the Engmore when only the old man took a leading part & decided every thing. There was an expectation at the Apuleia ground as decided in our previous road & met at the time I took the photo they were about to appoint Abia Abia, the person in whose a young man in saw nothing

Next represents the Council when all had assembled. There is no speechifying or noise all is done quietly & tolerably just as we have described it. Of course most of the men present are merely speculators & take no part in the choice of officers.

The McDonnell fields are still booming morally & if Brown's report should be favorable there will be 10000 people on the field within two or three months. McDonnell's shares are now at £10 & shares in all other floated properties are at a big premium. Personally I think the fields will remain rich from 1 to 1 1/2 oz. to the ton & this is quite good enough now sound management & suitable machinery. Thomson's report is endorsed by Corbin BSc who was managing the Lost Battery at Ardlungry for some time & who is now leading an independent prospecting party. I have faith in the field & think a big mining industry will be established there if the infernal sharks or the Stock Exchange do not hamper it up. I think so much of the future of the field that I am seriously pondering as to

whether I had not by doing so, if I
 took my 8 months long service leave &
 proceeded to the field on a prospecting
 tour. My wife is much opposed to
 me taking such a step but the prospect
 of making a few thousand pounds is a
 sore temptation & you must not be surprised
 if you hear that I am on foot of mine.
 The matter is in abeyance until Brown's
 report comes to hand. South West
 are not responsible for the Mountains
 of gold² if you it originated in Sydney
 & was communicated to the English papers
 from there = Thomas's bequest to the
 Adelaide Library & Museum amounts to
 £65,000 not £50,000 as at first stated
 The board have absolute control of the
 money. I can't help wishing that you
 had a slice of it old man however
 if this prospecting trip comes off I may
 be able to chide you 20 or 30 thousand to
 spend on your "Industrious" in a year or two.

² Another instance of the well known
 generosity of McQueen the good King of the
 McDonalds will argue articles

Probably the Member who says what
that you should look after the insects
has under the impression that you
need a far salary for food I met
a Melbourne Traveller here once who
asked me that you got £1000 a year
for the Directorship. Fact.

That Ross is forming himself into
a prospecting syndicate 1000 members
at £100. It appears to me that
Poor Rice & Co are not too bright
in their dealings with the Carlsons judging
by their Ambrose Mangano evidence. They
seems to fall in heavily with Burgeon
is doing splendid work in cleaning
the Angam stable of Carlsons funds. There
are few more commission than the prices
demanded and he shows it. Hence his
activity. He had a magnificent
reception in Adelaide although the Registrar
had before after to arrange him. The
Regulator in its absence of the other side
is just as uncompromising & candid as
you thought it. The Melbourne Brighton
paper on the other hand always treats
its opponents in a gentlemanly way.

They have made Brighton President of the
Geographical Society a very nice thing for
he is a distinguished member & is soon entered
to be a most ornamented head. He has met
the School of mine that it is a really fine
institution in England financial health. Last
week J. H. Angus gave them £1000 to build new
classing rooms & David Attorney gave £500
towards this library with a promise of more later
on. I am proud of our wealthy colonists they
are a lot of grand old men. Why is it that
you planters don't feel their compe? Did
he say you have anything to put in the way?

About my idea to Myer's circus last
week had a real good time. They have been
playing circus ever since the last year is
something awful to behold. On Saturday afternoon
I found Bri lying on his back with Jack Ely
& Spencer standing on him! He was jigger
the strong man later on he was wrestling
with the lion persecuted by Jack. You
should see Spens head the moorish looking
face had lost ever seen - mumps poor little
bygon.

I am enclosing a letter receive today
let me know what you think of it I will
defer replying until I hear from you. I
propose nearly referring the matter to our
board of which he appears to have nothing
I have an idea that he is a candidate for

The Federal Protection: his letter makes me
feel small. I thought everyone in Annapolis
who took an interest in the "dances" knew
something of our work. This man will
probably lecture before the Station Institute &
return to Annapolis or Stony Field.
Two medical men Drs Harvey & Rennie have
been reading to the Adels' papers very strongly
about cruel treatment of blacks in the West
& it really looks as if they are brutally
killed in the black block.

Must close now. The little old
kids are going to see the Dumpsters
tonight. Love to the girls & send
regards to Mrs Spencer. Take
care of yourself it's about time
you began to realize that you are
not stronger than Sander.

Steam the
Mrs
F.H.