

Novena

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My dear Spencer

How is the world nagging
with you? It seems an age
since you sent me a couple
photos & they came to hand safely
like the proof but was
disappointed with the prints, they
are too much enlarged. I am
however very glad to have them
they are interesting mementos of
a delightful holiday.

Yesterday I was surprised to
get a letter from Kempe who
is in town for a fortnight. He
is evidently very depressed. The
fight between the Redmans is
progressing & he hopes to come

out on top

For the last month I have spent
most of my time awaiting my
own return from the enemy during
Gill's absence. Since about London's
affairs I cannot at all understand
the way things here. I told London
the matter of the Art Education
was practically settled & advised him to
hold himself in readiness to proceed to
Adelaide at a moment's notice. I wrote
Gill urging him to hurry along &
he has not replied to my letters
& if something is not soon done Bonington
& others who promised to help will
have forgotten all about London & his
chances will be gone. It is awfully
proceeding & Gill's laziness & want of
ambition makes me feel exceedingly
small. I can ill afford it but
if I don't soon hear something I shall
go to Adelaide to see if I can't bring
matters to a head. What do you think?
I suppose you haven't heard from Gill?
I shall see you already looking forward
to your return to the thing being certain
that I don't go away again even for

a month since I have submitted to the said operation. The
surgery has since left me for a day longer than I should
be to the "Pleas" from "Tianji-nang-pia". Practically, I am unable to
move about & sleep only very faintly for the first half of
every day & sometimes I am in misery all day. If my wife
were quite strong would she go to my room for the necessary
to clean & I could not think of leaving home unless she is
quite strong again. In another month the weather will be hot
too hot for me to go outside the house. So I'll try & hang
out outside the back of the "Tamma" in prison? I have just
got Langs book "Social Progress in a retrograde Society" out
said, begin reading it tonight -

The baby girl she was christened yesterday - is Mary Kathleen
She will be called Kathleen. She is a bright little lass & so far
has not developed in tendency to squander for which may the Lord
make us truly thankful - Bri' served "God prize for husband"
winning at the "Wanda Show" yesterday -
I am anxious about those alterations in the "Footprints" volume I dare
to expect to know that they have reached you. May you arrange
with Mr. Williams to collect & send out criticisms if so I
wrote you would ask them to send along two sets I shall make
sure to have them for my scrap album. Also ask them to
send me three or four copies of the "Revol" & don't forget
to let them to send you copy to J.H. Gordon he will do
a decent review! I am delighted to see that Stand & the
from "Deliberate" has structural parliament & the "Deliberate" has
simply rained the "Revised" part as you by someone else
produced he would - I'm in apt from plans you
have my kind regards also Ludwig Maas & that nice fellow
Nabert. I shall be glad to have your "Principles" copy
is progressing & I must close now I must be
the one bit further

Yours ever
J.H. Gordon

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