

Moonla

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My dear Spencer

Tell me, is it 45 or 46 that I am today? Is a horrid memory! The trip to Iowa has done me good. I'm feeling better than I have felt for months. Poulton gave me some stuff which greatly modifies the pain. I'm now trying a new remedy, lime water taken internally three times a day. Mitchell M.P. for the Territory who has been a great sufferer for years declares that it cured him.

The arrangement with Dr. Poulton is that I am to return to Iowa for the operation in three or four weeks when my wife has fully regained her strength.

I had a great go in with the Commonwealth man. He's a smart man & fully determined to justify his appointment by casting things to the wind wherever he can. Rose at 11<sup>th</sup> Hotel is very near the end, poor old fellow is scarcely able to walk, when he dies the salary of his Successor will be £250 or under so that my going there or in fact even leaving Moonla is quite out of the question. I had the

Impeders that I had been looking forward for years to receiving  
an appointment in the City Suburbs, that I had been promised the  
post vacancy & that it was a cruel blow to me to realize that  
all hope of getting such a shift was out of the question  
He went even sympathetic but direct repeatedly on the importance  
of uniform scale of emolument all over the Commonwealth. The  
fact of the matter is that these reductions are being made so as to bring  
the salaries down to the level of those paid in one of the other  
States Queensland & South. Gill & I walked past the H Adm  
Post Office on Sunday evening it looked soomy & comfortable & it  
made me doubt my wish to think that my seniority & long service  
was a bar to my getting it - Everyone's politicians &  
conclusions in Adelaide are said of the Commonwealth & if  
it could be done the State would shuffle out quick & cheap.

Things business affairs were called he says "very satisfactory"  
he returned to the trade with his wife & family on Monday

I did not see him but found a letter here on my return.

Imposed Sterling but saw Prof Henderson & Tho Gill  
the latter has invented or some new clothes since we saw him  
together - Corrie is out of hospital staying up in the  
halls with the Dymons & I did not see him. Miss Maurine

I saw in the North Adelaide Hospital laid up with a sore  
leg result of a broken leg of some years standing, the  
fibula & tibia have apparently grown together the Dr even

Watson - we in a fog as to what is best to do - Old Brown

has paid his 5th instalment - he looks - £2 the night before  
left home he breathes vengeance against Gregory about some bones

probably from what he tells me Gregory hasn't treated him well  
The palaeontologist one now frequents a real one or found out why

so Gregory need not expect any further help from home  
Tomlin goes to Tom & Virgin road on Monday; so far

the fund raised will enable us to pay him £6.10. a month  
but I am hoping that Gill will visit himself or some

difficult to make it up to £2 per week. I could have raised  
the money if I could have remained in Tom's lounge. It's

the devil's own trouble to see some of the healthy business  
men they are always engaged so deep. Don't forget to

send Gill your cheque. He is to come down here to  
lecture in a few months - Hope all is well with you all  
at Darley - Ravens' garden is just delightful I spent Sunday  
with him  
Shambs  
EJG