



Alpine Hotel,

CAPTAIN MCFARLANE, PROPRIETOR.

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Just now up here the air lovely.

Yesterday we drove (32 miles) to a little township called Harrietville right in the heart of the mountains. The higher ones were all clothed in snow & looked fine - a little bit like New Zealand.

Coming back I was much surprised to find a review of theopus magnus in both the 'Argus' & 'Age'. Muller told me that it was due next week & just before leaving I had received an advance copy by post from Macmillans who have sadly bought the private copies.

Long ago I wrote asking for 24 copies to be sent to me for distribution by ourselves. They replied that they would certainly do this. By last mail W Macmillan wrote

that in lack of instructions he was
"sending me 4 copies of a few that we
could have more of or wanted them." I
lodged his letter & promptly have the
one in reply to him in which he proposed
to send 24. The consequence is I shall
have to try a lot as we can't suit 4
copies.
Please let me know how many
you want.

As to the reviews - they are very friendly but
I am very much annoyed to find that
both papers for names known only to themselves
give such prominence to my own name. Who
wrote the reviews I have not the slightest idea
my only hope is that the Adelaide paper will
give equal prominence to your own name.
I believe we in rather a false position as I can
quite understand that the Adelaide newspaper
people will not unreasonably imagine that I
have somehow got hold of the reviews here.
I have told Neillan to reserve me
10 copies in 10th as they arrive & am

writing to Robertson to reserve me another 6. The people I thought
of sending them to were Sir C. Wood, Bill (T.), Chance (H. & F.H.),
Kemp, Byrne, Cowie, McKat, Selby, Keel, Sir A. Peacock, Sir F.
Hilder, W. Philp, Hornell, ^{Stirling} ^{Champion} ^{C. Warren}, ^{U.S.A. Case} Foster (S. A.). I will post copies
to them "with the compliments (or kind regards) of the authors." If
there are any others send me word. I will send you half
a dozen for your own private distribution apart from the above if
you want more let me know.
I expect to be home again by the time you get this.
Yours W.S.

The book will not be available till Aug 11.