

2. Mrs Barclay did not come to Alice
with her husband. Give her my kind remembrance - please.

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with
best
wishes.
Yours sincerely
Chris Ink.

Dear Hunpari

I don't feel the least
like writing any letters!. It has been
very hot today - probably more than the 86°
of yesterday. And those temps. coming
after intense cold are too sudden for my
(old) arteries. (I just slumps.)
However it is cooler

now & I have just finished by semi-
moonlight, watering the (garden) flowers.
And hearing incidentally - an voice at
the Memorial Club saying: - Will the
owner of ^{them} (a long number that sounded like
the "untouchable" American) remove the
car from in front of the Club as the
official party will arrive soon". Thank
you "ladies and gentlemen".

I suppose Dame Path & Mrs
Hasluck - & ex "cop" - Mr Caffery & wife.
I am really making the effort
to write because I am so sorry to

3 ~~See~~ by the paper that you have
a schoolgirl leprosy patient ("White"
it stated & from Pine Creek.)

How dreadful for her & her parents
(Yam?) And as the newspaper said
for those who have been associating with
her in hostel & school.

I wonder will it be curable in one
so young? I think you told me once ^{that}
you don't like white patients: ^{but} prefer
the dankum Aussie, with brown skins.

In regard to those at Pupunya —
I do hope H. Kitching is dismissed from
Welfare & leaves the territory. ^{He is unfit to}
^{be a Superintendent.}
He looks dirty (himself) & I
think it is entirely just "a job" to him.
It is disgraceful that he was sent to
"do" the Pacific Relations Course in
Sydney about a year or more ago.
& to suppose ^{got a} good grant, to keep
his wife, & several children (all R.C.!)
there too! His brother is here at present
(from Sydney). He seems a nice fellow. Came
to see me when I was in the tent &

3 which you "moved" me (under the two
Browwoods.) <sup>Says he is coming to see me - after
his trip to Uppinga</sup> The Health Officer Clappas,
seems a fearless person!

I got him over here, recently, too,
in regard to a privy (for my aboriginal
Assistant - when I get him) as ordered
by that contemptible person Worland ^(of Darwin)
- over whom (and which) I am having a
HOT "war" with Marsh.

I forget if I told you that it
was not Naomi's own niece you met
at dinner there - but her late husband's
niece - a Jewess I should think.
(Naomi isn't - in spite of her Old
Testament first name!)

Her only ^{real} niece is Rosemary Glen ~~and~~
who lives with her father & mother at
Rose Bay (or Vancluse). Unless Dr. Mitchell has
given her a great-niece!

There was just a chance that "nai" might
come to see the N.T. this year. But
as she has not written about it since
I suppose Kate (her sister who drives the
car in which she takes "nai") is too
engrossed with the alterations to a
(^{Blue} Mountain) home she has bought at
Leura (I think). She has a home in Sydney
too. And a married son (a nuclear Scientist, I

I think he is (a Prof) in Montreal - Canada.
Perhaps you met Travi's nephew
in Melbourne? (A D. Mitchell - like his
late father (Paul). The latter was Comd
Chief Medical Officer in Queensland.

I am so dull-witted tonight ^{that} I am
probably writing things I have told you
before. Put it down to the horrible
heat today ^{or yesterday}.

Our mutual friend Mr. Barclay
is "down" I hear. I am wondering if Mr.
Barclay with him?

If so, I am hoping to meet her when he
comes over to see the Reserve (to me). She
did a charming thing about a month or
more ago - when it was so deliciously cold.
She knitted me a "luxury-tight" ~~knit~~ sent it
in "Cinderella" wrapping paper. (The "Ugly Sisters"
were on that too! So one must have represented
me!) It was most kind of her to knit it.

We are all very anxious to know who is
to be our new "D. O." (to or (Second) Asst. Admin
down here. We hear Mr. Caffery is leaving &
~~that~~ it "may be" Stahl (heaven forbid! I'd as soon
have his Satanic majesty!); Stokes (of Cocos); -
Horsdwan (Hope not. He is too unwell & she is
an utter "intouchable")

5 And the latest rumour is that it will be
a Solicitor from Adelaide (^{Frank} Worth) who was
at one time (when I was Court House Char^{!!!})

~~mapstrade~~ ~~here~~. A loathesome beast! who
was deprived of his ^{90%} (I think) through me!

But I also got sacked! - Because
of what I had said about him & the Depositors
Clerk (a woman) "playing the goat".

Surely even a good type of lawyer
~~was~~ would be most unsuitable for D.O.?

I think an (ex) Bank Manager
(of a South Bank) would be good

Or an Engineer of high standing ^{(a Proxy} ~~an~~ ^{in the state}
not like the Admin. an ex Income tax
official. nor (like Mr. Caffery) an ex
policeman / a constable! (+ late Provost Major!)

We need a cultured (+ practical too) man
here.

Social news. At the age of 76 I have made
a (male) "conquest"!!! Brett Ellis (aged 12)
bought his mother tin foil in which to
make cakes (instead of baking tins). He
then asked for some of her cake mixture
to make a cake for Mrs. Pitt^{!!!} which
arrived (by Dad) in due course & was
delicious - with almonds on top, too.

So I have one admirer - at last!

6 Brett's mother was a geneticist (in Melbourne) & now works in the A.D.P. Laboratory. Her husband is a (Wks Dept) "plumber". There is a second boy (David). They are the "salt of the earth" - as a family. Always doing helpful & kind things. It is good to know such people, - in such a Sodom & Gomorrah of a place as Alice Springs is.

"I wonder how you are liking the cold weather of Darwin!!! I see they are appealing for blankets & bedding - (I suppose for half casts - chiefly!) for people with children.

You said in your letter you were disappointed at not seeing me & having a talk. Not half so disappointed as I was I feel sure. (You had been with your mother & friends. Except for about three families I have no (real) friends in the Territory.

~~Some~~ A few friendly acquaintances of course. And I did want to hear of your doing (But not about "Tasmanian aborigines"!!! The last died in 1876 (from memory) so it was probably a New Guinea native you saw!!! Dravidians like "the mainland's" are as you probably

and so probably ask for after reading this scrap! I must stop! -

pen on



Do take care of yourself Kumpari.

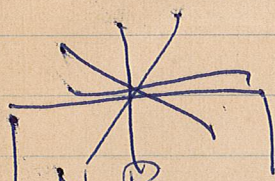
I mean don't risk Leprosy infection
yourself. Were you checked in Sydney?
And do come + work
down here + soon.

With "abos".

With Wailbri - (at Pupunya)

There are also some of your (inferior)
Pitchentarra there too!

AND Pintubi -> ("Bindiboss"!!!!)
A new tribe!!! known for 300 or so years!!! as



hope you are a friend of
Dawkins Librarian! (?) Watt. (mavis) (from Libby here)

N.B. - I have just read a book that

I would make A.H. doctors read.

It is in novel form - but written (I should
think) by a medical research worker.

(Perhaps an eminent one?)

Its title is: - "Stay for an answer"

+ is by Kenneth Addison (1958)

I think Dr. Sceton may have caused the
death of those Pupunya (native) babies + young
children - through the "treatment" he prescribed
PENICILLIN!!! Antibiotics!!! + Ringers Drip!!! "Mad"

I have never known of ONE dying
in nature camp!

for aboriginal babies
I think


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