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Letter No.5

Sunday April 28th 1872
28 Crofts Street
Hatton Garden E C

My Dear Friend,

My 4th letter I dated October 28th 1871 and said I had been waiting for yours which I recd. on Nov. 6 1871, just nine days after I had sent mine, which I now first answer. I am glad you recollected the oldface as it shews it to be a good likeness and that you have a good retentive memory of those you once knew. Your Wife must indeed have had a narrow escape of her Life in that awful storm - I am very sorry to hear such bad news of your Brother. I am Sir .

I received your answer to my 4th Letter dated Jany. 31st 1872 on April 9th in which you acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Wright's likeness and the representation of the New Foundry. I am sorry you had not better luck in the purchase of Scrip for if you had turned a few hundred you might have run over and seen our latest Improvements. I should like to have the chance of taking you round the Metropolis and shewing you the wonders and above all to hear you relate your stories over a glass and a pipe (by the way do you smoke)

I hope the influx of visitors to the Diggins has not deteriorated your position. You will answer this and be sure to let me know how your Brother is - I have told John Kemp of Mr. Shore's advancement, of which he is much pleased to hear. I am sorry to say John Kemp is now very bad at home with Rhumatics, he has lost the use of one leg but the Doctor has hopes.

You speak of going to a Grand Concert at the Melbourne Town Hall and of its being such a Grand place. You need not be so proud of your Grandeur - we have some Grand places as well in our smoke-dried metropolis. I don't know of any news of home of any interest to tell you of we are going much the same. The Annual Exhibition opens on Wednesday next the 1st of May. I have taken my Wife to the South Kensington Museum to see the Collection of the Duke of Edinburgh's which has been exhibited there and have been much struck with the beautiful things which your Country and others have presented to his Highness. The Museum has been crowded with visitors.

I expect in about a month from this date to move from my present abode so the next letter you write address to the Foundry. The Govn. does not like letters to be addressed to the Firm but I will answer your next letter and give you my new address. It wazs very well for you to give the name of the Firm as well as my own address as the letter is sure to reach me. The next Mail does not leave until the - of May so I shall leave this open for any more information I may have to communicate.

Monday May 6th 1872

Since writing the above there has been a Sale by Auction of a Type Foundry of the name of Wood part of the firm known as (Shariswoods?) who became Bankrupt and the Govenor has bought the whole of the Plant it was sold in one Lot so we have had an addition of about 200 Moulds and the whole of the Faces. It gave the other firms much annoyance our Govn. getting them but he was determined to have them and I believe it cost 750 pounds. He has got a very large and good assortment of Ornaments the same that once belonged to Vizetilley and are considered very good. These were the class of goods you used to superintend - he has also got the Order books and the Orders in them to execute so I expect we shall have an increase in our business - I think our firm is getting the best in the Trade. I don't think I have any more to say at present so conclude with wishing you and family quite well and I am happy to say we are the same and

Believe me still to be your

Old Friend

Thomas Hayward

To Mr. R. Reynolds

I shall have been thirty years in the firm on the 12th of July next so I must be getting an Old Buffer.

This letter was written to Mr. Richard Reynolds who died the same year so it is likely this letter remained unanswered by him.