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Dear Friend:

Many thanks for your very kind note. David Kelly took me on a highly artistically arranged tour of the port and of the Rocks with his charming companion, and we ended up in many pleasant pubs. I then established contact with my musical colleagues and spent a glorious evening in a very strange little tavern called the Unity Hall Hotel in Balmain, playing various soulful New Orleans music followed by a party in that charming higglety ~~higglety~~ section of Sydney.

I had a very distinct impression of the delightful variety and cosmopolitan aura of your fine city. I am delighted that I took it on myself to sit down in Sydney, even though I am disappointed that it was so short and that I missed the visit in your home. Actually, my itinerary was totally arranged by George Hale on consultations with the New Zealand Heart Foundation and I was largely doing as I was told rather than planning my own activities. Next time I will know better and Sydney will obviously be the principal port of call.

Again, many thanks for your cordial invitation. I do hope that you will get to visit Ancel at Minneæa. Nelly and I spent a delightful two days with them last month. I am finally beginning to understand his preoccupation with the production, planning, preparation, and consuming of simple Italian foods.

Best regards,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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