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Dear John Harpore

That "real

letter" you promised me, is a long time in arriving! I hope the rumour is not true, that you have resigned <sup>from</sup> the N.T. "job"? I would so like a long chat with you. Is there no chance of your coming down? With aborigines moving about so much & Central Ansones mixing with "top end" ones - as drovers' stockmen etc may there not be some cases of leprosy among those down here?

I shall tell you "odd bits" of news - & then ask you if you can help me in my (dental) problems. - Both with the truth - about dental staff in Darwin & by using your <sup>indirect</sup> influence - to get a visiting one down here.

(An efficient dentist)

Now for the "bits of news"  
This week I had the latest news from Naomi Price who with Kate Rodd (her sister) is on a world tour. She is loving it all & had been to the Chelsea Flower Show & Lord de L'Isles castle "with in the huge Baron's Hall, the fire place in the centre & long tables 400 years old on each side" Naomi's eldest sister is with them part of time too. They are a very united (prclamish) family - well supplied with doctors among them!!! You met Naomi in Sydney & perhaps know W. Mitchell?

I forget if you did meet my "cousin" (by courtesy only!) Elizabeth - <sup>Turner</sup> - in Melbourne? She, also has returned from a world tour & recently was at a Paediatrician Conference in Canberra. While she was there - her sister whom she so admires (& who was in America - Kansas I think <sup>yet was</sup>) when she wrote to me

2 As Asst Prof for about a year. She is a Dietician at the Cancer Research Institute Melbourne normally.

But I had tragic news from her (in a most brave letter) two weeks ago. While Elizabeth was in Canberra - Nancy (Turner) had to be rushed into hospital to have a "lump" (consequently her whole left breast) removed. Cancer!

She has to have 2 months <sup>radio</sup> treatment - in hospital - and is then going back to her Dietician's job in the Cancer Research Dept!!! "Put's"!

I am hoping Elizabeth & Put's (Dr) Thelma Kelso will be coming up here this year. I love Elizabeth & like Dr. Kelso too! (She invited me to stay with her - but I shall never leave the Centre, & the job I so love doing) - (at 79!)

So you may hear of me in God! I shall not have an X Ray - to see if I have Tuberculosis! There has never been any (on either side) of my family tree (as far back as I know). Nor have I ever had any lung troubles, not even in 1919 - when there was the Pneumonic Flu epidemic (many died.) In fact (as a V.A.D) I was on Sunday - in charge of the (Paddington) Flinders St Depot. (Ashmore area) with a Health Dept nurse (of our V.A.D Detachment) as visit-  
(+4<sup>th</sup>?) (in Sydney)

And 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students as the "doctors". One - in his final year - caught the infection & died. An only son too. (Talking by name).

So I shall refuse to be X. Razed or examined. - Even if it means prosecution!  
I feel "Medicine" is not "Automation"! Just "Penicillin" or a red, white, or blue - "antibiotic tablet" (or X Razed) the patient!)  
A sort of "lucky dip"! Or "unlucky" for injection of penicillin! I have <sup>only</sup> had 2 aspirin in my life & <sup>only</sup> one brain! Doctors used to have to use their brains! Now they are chemists robots.!!!!

(Am I liquidated? (doctor))  
Now - "in conclusion" (as our old Canon used to say after a "thirdly" (or fourthly) sermon, about my need of your help.

<sup>3</sup> I am very "wrapped up in" developing the Reserve  
(before I "report") and we need finance for that.  
And I have to keep on trying to influence  
(V. J. P. S.) to get it.

But when one is "aging" (which is "an  
uply business" John. - especially if one has not  
- in the past - been "hard on the eyes").

And Dentists can make one less "repulsive"!  
- But not the two here! Dr. Meldrum (after a  
sick man) ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Fogarty, - who looks brainless!  
(I rather a dud) last year I went a number of times to Dr.

Meldrum to get a new top dental plate. After  
"trial after trial (of duds) I decided to  
"try out" the last. (I paid my £12). But  
it was quite useless - even after one  
trial. So ~~has~~ been in cotton wool - ever since!  
Then filling came out of a lower tooth.

Dr. Meldrum was away ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Fogarty (at my request)  
put in a temporary filling. But it was TOO  
"temporas"! And soon came out - breaking the  
tooth too! So now I look "disgusting" - with  
the (Army's!!) Amalgam looking like decayed  
tooth!

I wrote some months ago, to the  
Acting Director of Health Darwin - asking  
"could we not have an efficient visiting  
dentist from Darwin - send down? (then I  
could get him to do the things I so need done.)"

(here) \* I got no reply at all! \*

And ~~Dr.~~ Dr. Daves) told me "the 'chief Darwin  
Dentist has had to go away - till" (as has the  
Chief eye Specialist!) And Dr. Meldrum here has  
been away "sick" (it is soon?) to be married")  
And ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Fogarty is then the sole dentist - in a  
5,000 pop. town! (excluding I suppose aborigines)  
And he is told (Mr. Fogarty) goes on leave  
towards end of year!!! So can you

The Reserve is receiving miraculously 4 Mr Barclay has been lovely with  
Chubb & Co. Ltd

4 unofficially & "quietly" of course - find out if  
an efficient dentist will be coming? And  
when? I shall be so grateful if you  
can find out - (by quiet enquiries here  
& there) what is to happen? And WHEN?  
I feel desperate. It is horrible  
looking so "repulsive" - when one wants  
to influence people - (for the Reserve).  
Especially them.)

It was the doctor with  
the "red" beard to whom I wrote - when Dr  
Byrne was away. (I always forget his name.)

You need not write a letter - (if it  
bores you !!!) But do try to let me know  
about dentists & soon.  
Why can't they get experts (from  
South) as visiting ones ???

I hope you are well? And things in  
your sphere of action more as you  
wish them to be? Where are the East Point  
Lepers being moved to ???  
I am fed up with "Mr Barclay"  
- in regard to Reserve.

He seems to have no wish to fight  
for (financial) justice to it. Or help me.

All Self!! (Cambridge Conference  
etc. etc.)

He is leaving me to use my own  
(£4.15.0 a week) honorary to finance  
some of the expenditure (tel. telegrams & stamps  
& stationery etc) of Reserve. (Callous?)

Best wishes to you from Oliver Phipps  
(from nearly an octogenarian!!) your friend

Dr Self? Selfish? two urgent letters