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we may indeed rejoice for them but we miss their abiding heavenly presence as a haven of rest for our own weary spirits in the daily toil & care of life more than when they partook with us of these. and we have again & again to remind ourselves of their unspeakable gain to overcome all selfish sorrow! looking onward & upward to a precious reunion.
It seems hard to realize that two years have passed away since we met in London and separated in Liverpool the little hint I had from my dear wife and sisters lines in most pleasant remembrance. and the comfort and delight of receiving a letter from the latter & my beloved cousin J P Morris are more than I can express. On 2nd day 21st I was at Gravesend and witnessed the departure of the Northumberland for Melbourne having on board our friends Joseph John Dymond Alfred Wright & William Beck who are gone out as a deputation to the friends in Australia New Zealand & the two first leaving wives and children for so long as they must necessarily be absent greatly claim our sympathy more for those who are left than themselves perhaps but I trust their kind mission to the widely scattered ones will be greatly blessed. I hope thy health is improved by the rest and change thou hast had. and thy dear wife's also. my very kind love to you and thanks for the very interesting little Memorial. I am at present reading Dr Farrer's "Life of Christ" a work which appears to have attracted much attention in a short time. 6 editions have been called for. I wonder if thou hast seen it & what the impression. the language & descriptive parts are often beautiful perhaps at times a little too imaginative but Dr F writes as a "believer to believers".

Thine very sincerely
H Casson.