Cambridge June 30th 1891.

Dear Sir,

I received today both your letter and the blue book, which latter I have acknowledged briefly (as you will see) in the Review. I looked through it with interest, and had intended to borrow it to copy—but leaving it in the reading room for general inspection, I found next day that some one had made free to take it away. I have not yet seen any copy.
Just now account of the results of your confer-
ence in an Australian Confederation, a
political movement which ought to be
very interesting to us. For myself I have
spent most of this half-year away—leaving
Boston at the end of January, by way of
Atlatlona and New Orleans and passing most
of the spring months in California. To go
around the world seems so simple a thing,
was, but I cannot help to deprive of some-
time accepting your hint of a visit to
Penang's town—though I hope not to be
tempted to it by compulsory silence. The
Reason, which I am glad you see, large
just was in a little uncertainty — is some
of the Directors of the A.I.A. think its sub-
utilizing is too large a weight on their re-
verse. The question of its existence after
this year will come up, then, for decision,
about the middle of June. I shall be sorry
if it results in cutting off the line of commu-
nication, which it is a prime pleasure to me
to keep up with the three continents.

Yours, faithfully,
J. H. Allen.