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56 Wendell St.

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My Dear Mr. Clark

I have been very remiss
in not answering each of your
letters of last July, but it reached
me at a time when ~~my~~^{the} work
resulting from my foreign trip
was occupying all my time and
thought. After that, I was away
from home a great deal, so that
your letter was temporarily over-
looked. I only hope that I have
not delayed so long that my reply
will not reach Hobart till after
you have left for this country.

You see from this remark
that I am counting upon seeing
you and Mrs Clark here this
year. I sincerely hope that
nothing will prevent you carrying
out your plans. I only hope that
you may be able to postpone
your start until April, so as
to be here during May & June.
These are two delightful months
with us, before the heat has
become uncomfortable and dried
everything up. At that time
everything is bright and fresh,
so that it is the season of all

others in which I should like
to show you some of our
suburbs. I believe you did
not see much of them on your
previous visit, and we very
properly feel quite proud of
them.

Moreover at the time
(during May & June) I can feel
sure of being in Cambridge,
and want this opportunity to
repay you and Mrs. Clark the
many kindnesses you showed
me in Hobart. However, if
circumstances force you to choose

The earlier season I hope you will not fail (even if I am temporarily absent) to introduce yourself to my Father and Mother. They have heard a great deal of you from me, and Father also would like to meet personally one ~~who~~ from the other side of the world who used to read the Index when he was connected with it. You would also find that you and he have many mutual acquaintances in Cambridge and Boston. Our home address is ^{as} at heading of this letter, so you will have no difficulty in finding us. I hope you will let me ^{know} before your arrival, and if I am temporarily obliged

to be away, I trust that sufficient temptations can be offered to keep you here till my return.

You have doubtless gathered from the papers that we have been passing through rather a critical period here politically, — I might also say financially, inasmuch as the two ~~political~~ political parties opposed each other mainly on financial questions. Fortunately, we weathered the storm and the "sound money" party was successful, but there is still more or less thunder in the air, and you will find much to interest you in our political conditions

5 - Conditions which to be thoroughly appreciated should be investigated in the spot. I should be greatly interested in seeing how they would impress a newcomer, because even among our best men there is naturally great difference of opinion, and an unprejudiced ~~and~~ opinion is the best one.

But I will only urge that you carry out the plans of your proposed trip, and above all let us know of your coming. With kind regards to Mrs Clark, and hoping all your family are well, I am
Very sincerely yours
C. A. Stevens

P.S.-

I would suggest as a special inducement for being here in May & June that during the latter months you would have an opportunity of attending the Harvard Class Day and Commencement exercises. You would find these of very great interest.