

Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.,

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Hon. Andrew Inglis Clark,  
Hobart, Tasmania.

My Dear Mr. Clark:-

We are in the midst of an early spring here, while you I presume, are welcoming the approach of autumn after the exceptionally hot summer which has been reported to us from your side of the world. When the news came in the Melbourne papers that reached me, of the burning of the bush around and in Ferntree Gully, I heard the news with a distinct sense of grief. Mrs. White, Owen and I united in the feeling that Hobart had given us some of the pleasantest memories of our whole journey, and our ride to Ferntree Gully was not the least of these. I have a very pretty little photograph of Owen among the ferns which I took that day, and I

am going to take the liberty to send one of  
them to Mrs. Clark as soon as I get some  
prints made. They should follow on the  
next steamer after the one that brings  
this. I have thought that she and  
your children would not have forgotten  
him altogether.

We had a perfect voyage from Ho-  
bart to the Bluff and a pleasant al-  
though hurried trip through New Zeal-  
and. The voyage north on the  
Alameda was an unusually rough  
one, but we all had our sea legs on  
by that time and did not mind it  
greatly. I was compelled to cut short  
our stay in Honolulu, and hurry on  
here on account of the Cuban situa-  
tion. Just now it is still threatening  
but no one knows what the outcome may  
be. In the event of hostilities, I presume  
I shall represent The Record at the front,  
wherever that may be. Instead of com-  
ing home to midwinter in Chicago, Mrs.

White and Owen stopped in New Mexico at a pleasant Mountain resort, and are still there. The weather is now becoming settled and I expect them soon.

My attention and my writing have been diverted to Cuban affairs so much that I have not gone far into my Australasian material, but I am keeping a set of the articles to send you as they are printed. The papers you sent were much appreciated, as I have been heartily interested in your local political situation. - If Mrs. White and Owen were here they would unite with me in kindest regards to you, and to Mrs. Clark and your family. Kindly remember us too, to Mr. Johnston, whose reports and documents are of constant value to me. It will be long before we forget the courtesies you showed us. I trust I may hear from you some day, and that you are all very well. I am,

Yours very sincerely,

The Chicago Record.

Trumbull White.