My dear Andrew

I wrote a few hurried lines to you by the mail which leaves here at 11 this morning by "Southern Cross". By the time this reaches you the matter will no doubt be closed by telegraphic means, but I may as well tell you what I have done.

On the day my interview with Conway & Simpkin I received a letter from the latter of which I enclose you a copy with the programme which accompanied it. On receipt of this I at once wrote you in the terms he suggested; and I am now awaiting your reply.
Copy

Youth Club

Melbourne

9 Feb 03

Dear Sir,

Just a line before I leave for Melbourne. As I see a steamer leaves for Hobart tomorrow morning.

Herewith enclose prospectus containing list of Dr. Conway's lectures Melbourne course & three others viz. (1) London (2) America (3) Reliquiae of Shakespeare.

As Dr. Conway positively leaves Australia on Dec 4th I will be engaged in Sydney 3 weeks before that time. There is not much time for negotiations. In a word therefore, will you allow me willing to guarantee Dr. Conway ninety pounds for any four lectures he likes. If so, let him cable to you. If necessary do.
Conway would leave for Hobart next Wednesday (if there's a boat that day) & I would go on to prepare Adelaide.

By kindly enclosing this note to Mr. Clark or yourself writing him on the subject you would much oblige. Faithfully yours,

R.J. Smythe.

P.S. On reconsideration I find I would be impossible for me to work until Saturday as it would then be too late for me to arrange for next week some other place. Would you kindly therefore on receipt of this kindly write your friend the substance of this note - something like this - Conway wants merely £4000 for four lectures - knows leave next week. Reply.

As I foreshadowed in my last letter Conway is in managerial
hands I must fulfill with
arranged terms.

In great haste

Believe me

Ever affectionately yours

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