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2 Balmoral Terrace  
St Vincent Place South.  
South Melbourne  
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My dear Andrew

I saw Smythe  
yesterday and as a result I  
wired you as to hiring <sup>Wasmann</sup>  
Hull, and in the evening I  
received your reply notifying  
that Hull disengaged and  
that you had secured as  
requested.

In consequence of not  
being able to get a Hull  
suitable in Adelaide during  
the time he contemplated  
visiting there Conway will  
now go to Adelaide. This  
of course changed Smythe's  
plans, and he was desirous

of commencing the Tasmanian  
Tour as soon as possible,  
and wanted to commence in  
Hobart port. I pointed out  
that it would not suit you  
if he commenced in Hobart  
before 29<sup>th</sup> inst & ultimately  
he decided to take Conway  
via Launceston where he  
will deliver some lectures  
next week leaving Melbourne  
next Friday. Smythe as  
I intimated in my wire  
leaves for Launceston this  
morning, and will be speedily  
in Hobart.

Conway's audiences are  
increasing as his course  
here draws to a conclusion,  
and he is evidently awaking

more interest. I do not  
doubt that with the  
advertising preliminaries which  
will accompany his visit  
to Tasmania, and the reputation  
he has won here, his course  
ought to be a success  
financially, as I am sure  
it will be intellectually.

In haste

Believe me  
Always effectly yours

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