

2 Balmoral Terrace
 St Vincent Place South.
 South Melbourne
 16 Oct 1883.

My dear Andrew

I saw Smythe
 yesterday and as a result I
 wired you as to hiring ^{Wasmann}
 Keall, and in the evening I
 received your reply notifying
 that Keall disengaged and
 that you had secured as
 requested.

In consequence of not
 being able to get a Keall
 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 desorvis

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 29th 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 aware of

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

J. G. M. Alton