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My dear Andrew,

I have your
letter of 8th inst.I was pleased to meet
poor old Fred Pierson's son in
Melbourne - Matt Simmons sent over
a letter of introduction with him.

Am rejoiced to hear that you
intend paying us a visit at beginning
of next year. It would be still better
if you were coming this year; but we
must "take the goods the gods
provide us". I share the hope with
you that you will on this occasion
be able to give some time to your friends
- and not be the shooting and
pre-occupied meteor of a day.

Thru a letter Willie B wrote

me when I was ill I am
to look forward for his appearance
in Melbourne later on this year,
accompanied by Don his eldest
son who has not yet seen
Melbourne. If these visits
prove facts accomplished, it will be
quite a revival, and I shall
have to bring the things that
were from out the secret cabinet
where they repose swathed
round with the calm of the
Past.

I read some portions
of your first edition of *Constitution
Studies* - I notice your literary
sentences are still rather long.
If your judicial ones were
the same, it would be rough
on the cuepits. Forgive the
feeble joke. I am going
to read the second edition

and hope to speak more seriously
about it to you some day -
It is one of the books in
the Commonwealth Law Library
I am forming in the office -
I have also read your contributions
to the "Commonwealth Law Review",
which is also a feature in the
presaid library - I am sorry
that the Constitution Studies did
not pay better - I understood
some time ago from Maxwell's
that they had a very satisfactory
sale in the American States.

By the bye, I have not
thanked you for the papers, including
the well-remembered old "Christian
Register", which you sent me when
I had to spend those painful
weeks in bed, that was an
original and well thought out
article upon Browning in the

New York paper - at least it so
shaped itself to me). But then, I
am not anything in the nature
of a Browningite -

I sincerely trust that your
silence on the subject of the
health of all at your house
means that it is satisfactory.
Am pleased to say that I have
now recovered - that my
wounds healed at the first
intention, as they say; and I
have no reason to fear a
recurrence of this dire trouble.

I have not yet seen the
plant in its native fastnesses,
but I have seen fine cut specimens
of it in Melbourne - At the Bot.
Gardens, I notice all the acacias are
dressed in the gold which "bumbles
tween shadow and shine".
With kind regards to Madie
and all the olive-branches from Mrs.
W of myself. Ever yours affectionately
A. L. A. A. A.