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My dear Clarke,

There is a matter which I ^{should have} mentioned in my last letter but did not - namely, that my wife had to pay £2.12.6 for the box of opossum skins, while the man who sold them said could be bought for less than a pound. He said it would be about 15 shillings. There was no duty to pay.

I have finally made up my mind to return for residence to my native country. I have sent in my resignation to South Plain Chapel to take effect at the end of this year. I have preached in London 21 years, and mean now to devote the rest of my life to writing rather than preaching, though I may give lectures from time to time in America. Of course my congregation are in trouble about it and fear they cannot get a preacher. But I think they will.

I lunched with Eustace Smith the other day & he spoke gratefully of the attentions he received when

in Hobart. Last Friday Mrs. Fraser dined with us. She was glad to see the beautiful photographs you sent me. They are charming and I thank you heartily for them. The study which we discussed high themes, and where I wrote so much, only needs the faces of yourself and wife and your "boys" (including Conway Clark of whom I am already "peas"-looking forward to the day when I shall perhaps see him, albeit with eyes grown dim, in America.)

I am busy getting up a discourse on "The Criminal Law" which I began in your study - the suggestion being Marcus Clarke's "His natural life," matured by Mr. Justice Stephen's history of the Criminal Law in which he advocates the fearful doctrine that punishments should give vent to popular indignation (i.e. vengeance)

Mr. Jeffray of Melbourne is here with most of his family. No doubt it was because of the turmoil of getting ready to start that he forgot to send you the "Lessons for the Day." I hope you have received the 2 vols. I sent.

Ever yours (I wish love to your wife & children) M. D. Conway