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My dear Mr Clark

I am glad to see by your letter of Aug 24th that we may yet have the pleasure of reading in the Annals an article from your pen on Australasian Federation.

This new Commonwealth Building, like that of the Dominion of Canada has an especial interest for Americans & we may look to both for interesting side lights on our own Constitution.

It would be interesting

To know your views on
Imperialism & Anti Imperialism,
but of course the words mean
quite different things to you
& to us. To you, I suppose,
Imperialism means the fellowship
of self governing societies of
people speaking the same tongue
but scattered over distant regions
of the earth. To us it means
the imposing of our yoke on
subject populations. I believe
there are few Imperialists
here & they are growing ashamed
of their creed, unless indeed
it be some truculent fellow
like Roosevelt. Most of us
feel that a burden has been
laid upon us, which it was
difficult to evade, but from
which we would fain be

free. International politics are more & more
a matter of Commercial exploitation, to the
growing sorrow of those who remember &
cherish ~~our inheritance~~ the high ideals of
freedom & humanity which were our inheritance
& which were in European Countries the guiding principles
of the progressive statesmen of the last generation

I believe that the business portion of
Your letter has been attended to at the office
of the Academy & I am sure we all value
most highly the interest & labor of our members
for the Antipodes.

Believe me
with very kind regards

Yours very truly

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