

My dear Mr. Clark

I was glad to receive your letter of the 22nd of November although it conveyed two statements which I was sorry to hear, - that you would not be in America this year & that Tasmania was deprived of your services in the responsible position you have so long filled

It is interesting to learn that our domestic politics are followed with so much interest in the antipodes

that celebrations are held
there to commemorate an
election here. I think
Cleveland will give us a
great administration. No
president perhaps has entered
office more untrammelled &
better equipped. We may
be certain that the extreme
protectionist doctrines will
never recover from the blow
which they have received.
From there however to Free
Trade is a long road.

I regret that Australian
Confederation should be postponed.
The earlier a national feeling
is implanted in a new country,
the more healthy & vigorous is its
growth in culture & self reliance
& the quicker is it welded into a

homogeneous whole. Until this self-consciousness
of unity exists the richest national life is not
reached

Your subscription for the Academy's year
& for the 2 back numbers was handed in, I
trust that the receipt & the publications
have already gone to you. I shall be much
pleased if at any time you find opportunity to
send any of the contributions ^{of your pen} for the pages of the Annals.

Meanwhile Believe me

Yours very sincerely

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