

Cambridge Mass May 30. 1891.

Dear Sir,

I received duly both your letter and the blue book, which latter I have acknowledged briefly (as you will see) in the Review. I looked through it with interest, and had marked a passage to copy - but leaving it in the reading room for general inspection, I found next day that some one had made free to take it away. I have not yet seen any con-

first account of the results of your confer-  
ence on the Australasian Confederation, a  
political new departure which ought to be  
very interesting to us. For myself I have  
spent most of this half-year away - leaving  
Boston at the end of January, by way of  
Atlanta and New Orleans, and passing most  
of the spring months in California. To go  
round the world seems so simple a thing  
now, that I ought not to despair of some-  
time accepting your hint of a visit to  
Tennessee even - though I hope not to be

tempted to it by compulsory illness. The  
Review, which I am glad you see, hangs  
just now in a little uncertainty - as some  
of the Directors of the A.M.A. think its sub-  
sidizing is too large a weight on their re-  
venue. The question of its existence after  
this year will come up, then, for decision,  
about the middle of June. I shall be sorry  
if it results in cutting off the lines of commu-  
nication, since it is a pride & pleasure to me  
to keep up with the three continents.

Yours, faithfully,  
J. H. Allen.