

The Alpine Club gave a fine dinner to Mr. Adair last week, & I think I may be the first speaker after the guest's. - Mrs. Estlin and Arthur had we used you their effectually sympathy. This will reach you quite after Easter, but wishes me joy so with it all to Jane. Creeping American cities, apostles of this Columbian year. Mrs. Dodge begged me to do her job, & paid me generously; but it was a gruesome task to say anything adequate, for young & old, in good or poor words. I am obliged for your news of Sweden, Harpe, etc., & must write Sweden at once. His job book deserves its success, for it certainly is readable. To give my mutual calculations to Harpe, if you see him. I hear that your Authors' Club experimented with "Wood Leaves". It is death to read anything at our Club, & that has been one secret of its success. I suppose you saw the account of the "Decennial Dinner". The speaking, by Eggleston, Burroughs, J. C. Jefferson, E. C. P., &c. &c. was not bad, & the affair gave our Liter Scripturae a great boost.

I learn that my book has gone off very well: it certainly has brought a vast

To 16 Broad St. New York
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Dear Mr. White,

You see that I write from my (new) office across, being proud to lessen my package of unacknowledged letters when & where I can. Your charming & warm-hearted letter of Nov. 22? has long been carried by me, "up & down town", awaiting my chance to thank you for it. It grieved me exceedingly, & not the least pleasant news which it contains is your report of your congenial position with Messrs. Bell & Sons. All under my roof formed an attachment for you, & next to seeing you still & New York, we wish you to have "a good living" [in the American

correspondence when we
appeared in the "London Spectator", - I am wondering who wrote it, - just what it

sense] in your own land, & work of the kind suited to your fine literary and artistic tastes. - Still, you ought to revisit the States this season, & enjoy a sight of the marvellous White City on Lake Michigan. For artist. friends, who have been hither, come back with stories of its beauty and grandeur - in fact, with their heads completely turned. I really believe this globe has never yet upheld a man of edipian so "translunary". 'Tis a pity that it is a phantom-city, after all - almost as unsubstantial as an ice-palace. - The World's "Auxiliary Congress" at Chicago

England showed you from the most terrible winter we know here. It has left us all (all who have lived through it) rather shaky. May remember that I am always

will draw together artists, authors, & servants from both hemispheres. I belong to the Committee on the Literary Congress, and am expected to do my share at Chicago; but it now looks as if my wretched "affairs", & a lack of strength this Spring, will debar me from the necessary preparation. We hear that Carducci, Costelloe, Besant, & many other foreign delegates, will attend.

If I have not thanked you for your letter, I have at least utilized it, as you may see in the April R. Nichols - a copy of which I have mailed to you. I could not resist quoting the fine passage on London and her York - for it precisely served my needs. The magazine is issuing a series of papers on

not having
Edmund C. Stedman.