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rejoicings. Your letter helped to make their presence very real, for in the years that have elapsed since one by one they passed away, you have permitted me to share, in larger measure than I have cared to do with almost any other friend, a knowledge of the sorrows and the difficulties which have made ^{for} the past a fiery furnace of tragic experience. I see the meaning of all that suffering very plainly now. I never doubted the purpose of it, though I failed often to meet the demands of my faith.

It was a particular pleasure to me, in drafting the Labor part of our policy, to go over the work of the committee of which you were the Chairman, and to embody in the platform the programme of social reform which you sought so eagerly to have adopted. I look forward with intense earnestness to continuing our efforts together to have expression given in legislation to the principles and beliefs we have so much at heart.

I must wait until I see you to express all I feel of friendliness and gratitude to the "Star". No assurances are needed between you and me respecting the views we share in common on matters of Liberal policy. To make these views prevail must be our united effort now. I shall continue to look to you for counsel, advice, and guidance on all matters of public policy, and I shall be grateful if in matters of public interest you will permit me to share at all times the same intimacy which I have been privileged to enjoy in matters of private and personal concern.

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