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To THE SECRETARY, FED. O. C. SOCIETIES

I had a West Briton sent me this week from Cornwall and noticed a paragraph about your new Federation.

I am so glad to know of such a society and I hope and trust that it may grow and flourish ; as a Cornishman, 12,000 miles or more away from the dear old land I love so well, I send you hearty Cornish-Australian greetings. Please convey to all members my sincere wishes for a great International Cornish and Westcountry Association.

I came out about three years ago and I have never regretted the step, and can say that Australia's need is for more Cornishmen. We could take 1,000 men of the right type right away. "There is room," as the old song says," for millions more " Our new Labour Premier The Hon. John Gunn, is a firm believer in Cornishmen as settlers, his secretary is a Cornishman (Mr. Harry Kneebone, and I am sure he would favour the flow of his countrymen hither.

Our three-daily paper editors in Adelaide are Cornishmen: Sir J. Langdon Bonython. edits the Advertiser, Sir William Snowden edits the Register and the Journal—an evening paper.

Mr. Harry Kneebone, M.P., is the Chairman of the Labour Party and edits the Daily Herald. I am sending you interesting particulars of the Cornish Association.

We have a branch in Adelaide 400 strong—and by my efforts I have been successful in forming a branch at Clare, 90 miles from the city (Adelaide), a country town of about 1,000 inhabitants—about the size of Lostwithiel — membership 60 to 100.

We shall be pleased to get into touch with your society, and any books, rules, papers, etc., which you have at your disposal we should only be too glad to distribute.

My desire is that such branches of the Cornish Association should be formed in all parts of the Empire and World, and that an International Headquarters should

be formed at, say, Truro—being the capital with a paid General Secretary. I will send you a copy of our rules further on.

Trusting to hear from you soon. I am, yours fraternally, OLIVER J. CASTINE

Mr. Castine's desires and hopes are no narrow ones, but the time really- does seem to be approaching when they may be realized. The Cornish Associations are coming together more and more, and the Cornish sense of nationality is becoming articulate, at home and abroad. Morton Nance.