

O for a muse of fire, that would ascend
The brightest heaven of invention!"

Australia for a stage; honest, unfettered, and noble minded
statesmen to act, and a free people to behold the
swelling scene - then should the elected of the people
in a federal drama assume the part of Mars; and
at their heels

"Leashed in like hounds, should famine, ~~war~~
Sword, and fire, crouch for employment"

As a Record Society, may your efforts be crowned with
~~unqualified~~ success; a record in the archives of such an
institution, is more enduring, more imperishable than
marble.

Before concluding this somewhat lengthy letter I would
beg leave to ~~quote~~ ^{in my paper records} ~~what~~ ^{excerpt} I consider should be set down
in your records or that is Sir George Grey's message to the
English race and their offspring, sent in the form of a
phonogram to the world's fair held at Chicago

"For 54 years I have in various positions ever stroven
to achieve two great objects; firstly, to hold the British
Empire together, and to secure to it the power of a just
expansion; secondly, I have ever strove to preserve Australia
and the islands in the Pacific for some English race, all
Europeans to be permitted to occupy those vast territories on
equal terms. They were to be governed by themselves, and
to receive a free education in public schools in which the
English language was taught. America, Great Britain and her
dependencies, could under such circumstances, enter into one great
federation, powerful, and peace giving to all mankind"