

Melbourne.

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in reply to letter
of Oct 22.

AM

My dear Home

I'm sorry if my letter to you sounded particularly indignant.

Any feeling on my part I hope you will put down simply to my anxiety to get the book out as quickly & as well as possible & having got it on the train & working at nothing else I was chafing somewhat at a lack of answer to my inquiries.

I think you know that I have done my level best for the thing in fact I have apart from University work done nothing else & have very little to show for it as my own articles are a comparatively very small part.

Anyhow my persistent worrying has really kept other contributors at work & I can

truthfully say that had it
not been for this there would have
been little chance of the work
being published much before Monday.

After your last letter which led
me to infer that all the printing
was to be done out here I went over
to Allards to see & make final
arrangements with Tate & Sterling.

The zoology part will be out in
January, the geology which has now
gone to press will be out a month
later - probably as soon as we
receive Walter's plates to insert in it.
I have written him as to these & how
to number them.

As I told you in my last I have
made arrangements with Buehler
(Miller & Glade) to act as publishers
out here in conjunction with Dulau
at home: the zoology & geology parts
will be bound in stiff paper covers

and will be sent home as soon
as possible retaining of course a
certain number for sale out here.
You will before this have received a good
deal of the proof & also copies of plates. I
am sending some more by this mail
& will continue doing so as it passes
through the press.

How as to the anthropology. Sterling &
I had a long time over this. He has
certainly been working very hard at it
& the paper will be a most excellent
one.

It requires a fair copy
making & by next mail he will send
part of it over to me & I shall forward
it at once. We also went over all

the plates & settled upon those which
he decided to have printed in illustration
of his work.

The bare of course to
be referred to in the letter press so

I have sent you some sketches of
the plates (or rather I will do by next
mail as I can't possibly get it ready for
this mail), showing their arrangement &
suggested size. If possible please follow

them as clearly as possible as
is arranging the article accordingly.
In addition to the photos. there are
some simpler plates dealing with
native drawings, aroolas etc which
I want if you are willing to have
drawn out here: I appended a list of
these.

As to the printing. If possible it would
be a great convenience to us to have
this done out here: as I said before, I
am sure for the sake of the general
order of the work that it is better to have
one person supervising it - you would think
so if you had seen in the work so far
how necessary it was to have some one
who knew the work & the localities.

The illustrations of the anthropology - that
is the reproductions of photos. can
either be sent out here or else the
letterpress & plates drawn here can
go home. Melville Muller Shale
out here & Dulau at home as
publishers might perhaps agree as to which

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course was to be adopted subject
to your approval. With the
money which you have sent me
I calculate that I can do all
the printing out here - all the
illustrations except reproductions of
photos.

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Perhaps the best thing in the
whole work is the Botany report
at least I fancy the critics will
say so: it will very soon be
printed now.

Altogether the work will form a
good deal the best single one of its
kind yet published in Australia
know as to a map. Without
having a very extensive one it is
really essential to us to have one of
some kind which will both lay
down the route + the courses of the
main streams + ranges. I don't

really see how we can do
without me of this kind: we
have constantly to refer to names of
localities which do not occur on
any map yet published & the
geology without a map on which
to lay down the lines of sections
described will be shown of a good
deal of its value. I shall not
do anything till I hear again from
you but I very much hope that
you will authorize me to have one
lithographed.

As to the general account - I don't
really see how this could be written
except by one who had seen the
places & had from personal experience
a general idea of all the branches
of science represented. My idea
was that you would write a
short preface indicating what you

desired the expedition to do &
what your illness was in sending
it out. Then would follow

a general account of a more or
less popular nature illustrated

{ reproduction of plates. of

Scenery and in the same way

though of course on a much
smaller scale as a general

account of the Challenger Expedition

has been written going in two

volumes a kind of popular

outline of the work contained

in about 50 volumes of special

reports. Then would come a

map of the route & a broad

outline of geological features.

These three would naturally

form the first parts would also

naturally be published the last.

If you would like this I would

send me your preface and I

will write the general account & see

it all through the press but it
will be necessary to know what
photos. you are having reproduced
so as to mention them in the
letterpress.

Very many thanks for the album: it
has not of course come yet but
will doubtless be here soon as I
fear that No. 12 is due this
week. I shall be very glad
to get it. I am sending
home a good lot of filler's negatives
in addition to those wanted for the
volume. Please return them to me
when done with. I have put
numbers corresponding to those on the
figures which are needed for the
illustration of the anthropology
article.

Yours very sincerely

W. S. Aldwin Threese.