

Melbourne, 38.

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My dear Horn—

I send you
home by this mail ^{an incut} ~~envelope~~
copy of Part II - Zoology.
Following your instructions I have
had it bound simply in
paper cover but it is not
trimmed or cut. This copy
is simply the proofs bound
together the crinklings in some
of the pages will ~~not~~ of course
occur in the ordinary ones.

I hope you will like it for
it represents a very considerable
amount of work + I feel sure
that it will be of value from
a scientific point of view.

This will of course be the
largest single part + will form
I estimate between $\frac{1}{2}$ + $\frac{1}{3}$ of the

Had work owing to the nature of illustration considerably the most expensive. My next mail I hope to send copies home to Dublin & am having them packed in fine lined cases to avoid any risk of damage by access of sea water etc.

At all events I think you will find it generally admitted that the plates are quite equal to anything which could have been done in England.

A very severe illness of my wife has caused me not only anxiety but a loss of time during the past two or three weeks or I might have got it out a little earlier.

I think it is important to

have this part formally issued as soon as possible as the whole work must take some few months yet before it is all through the press

I am getting on with the geology & Botany as rapidly as possible, but as you will see from this part it means a good lot of work rather more than I fancy you imagine.

Thank you for the specimen plate of the photo. illustrations but I must confess to being very much disappointed with it. We could have done better work than that out here.

In many ways I think that heliotype reproductions would have been superior and I can only hope that the plate I've sent you was a poor specimen. Next mail I am hoping to

Send Henry & family

be able to send you the rest of
the anthropological negatives but
the drought in the interior is so
great that I shall not be
surprised if the mail misses the
train. It is now only a bi-weekly
one with only a fortnightly
service to Oodnadatta by rail.

I enclose a list of packages sent
to you at Warramunga lately so
that you may see if everything
has been forwarded to you. I am
anxious to hear how you like the
work as you have not as yet said
anything about the receipt of anything
sent.

Yours very sincerely

W. S. Aldwin Kettle.

So far as I can tell the total
cost of Part II is £440

of Part III is £150.
(Sedology + Kettle)

When finished I will forward
statement of accounts & receipts etc
to Kettle.