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Bairnsdale

13 Oct 1903

My dear Spencer

I feel that I have not treated
you well in keeping your last letter
to my museum. But it certainly
much that I had to think over before
doing so. What you say about the
Abaluma is not perhaps more
than we might expect from their
vicinity to the Armita. But the
question whether the Dieri hold
the same view is one that I cannot
reply to. It may be all they do
although I know nothing so
far what suggests it, and the
fact that the Murchison descend

to the children and that occasionally
a man gives his words to them
may be against, either went perhaps,
at any rate in travelling from the
British South Railway there
must be some point by which
the "reincarnation" belief does
intercede, & see no other course
at present than to write Mr. Hall's name
and of course Mr. Siebert's address
and put the question therein, or also
perhaps and the chief museum
there (where name I have recorded
somewhere) to make enquiries.
You see I am in a very uncertain
state.

I thank you very much for your

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note kind invitation and shall
have very great pleasure in accepting
myself in your when next I go to Melbourne.
Indeed I shall be much like to have
an evening talk over certain things
in connection with my book before
long.

I am now completing it
and have got so far but about
half of it is being written ready to
be type written for the printer.
I hope to have it finished about the
New Year.

I suppose that your book is now
in the printer's hand - indeed it must
be so in a week should I be
Dr. Tyler he says that he has been
"carefully reading the sheets of
S. & S's new book" —

I hope not to have not omitted
to refer to any other points in
your note, but I have unfortunately
put it aside so carelessly that I
cannot put my hand on it. If
I have omitted anything please excuse
me.

Yours faithfully
Arthur