

Esmond

Wednesday

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My dear Spencer,

I have read Ruth's letter with the greatest pleasure. He is evidently a fine fellow, & I hope he may be of service to you.

For my own part, I have no fear of your getting through all right. I lived so long among savages that I really believe I acquired a sort of savage instinct, & I am conscious of a feeling that if I were a member of the tribes among whom you are going, I should look upon you with reverential awe as an almost divine personage, handed on as you will be from tribe to tribe with

your acquired credentials. This I say in all seriousness, & I have no doubt that your fame has gone before you long ere now.

Your reference to the Habart meeting of the Ass. made me heave a sigh. There is no prospect of my being able to attend. But I shall rejoice with them that rejoice, even though this too solid flesh will be absent from you.

I return Roth's letter with many thanks. Yours sincerely  
L. Fison.

I hope to meet you on Saturday at the Beefsteak Club.