Inspector Prosser,

Your kind letter fell upon us like the quick rain from heaven, and filled us with a blessing which is the portion of its writer also. But, like the practical-minded Thomas, we hold our full belief in reserve until full confirmation, and thereby enjoy the further blessedness of the man that expects nothing. Whether the thing comes up or not, however, your kindly interest is the same, and we shall not forget it. I speak for the whole tribe.

I shall be absent from Melbourne during May, attending our General Conference in Adelaide, but after that month I can go to Ballarat at any time. There is nothing in my course to which a whole boarding school of girls might not be introduced without danger; but I will look carefully again at all the thin ice, I see if I cannot go round it.

I have received from Oxford
An invitation, signed by the Viscount Chancellor, was addressed to the British Association in abstentia, which was accepted with great enthusiasm. The visitors paid a visit to the Queen's university, but the invitation was so far beyond their ability to go without their financial means, that they were unable to do so. However, they were able to do so with the assistance of Mr. Smith, who provided them with money. He also provided them with food. During their stay, they were able to do so with their hosts. Mr. Smith was most generous.