

your name & paper on had sent to Mr. Brown 26

Gordon NSW

June 3.

My dear Spencer,

I brought your letter over here with me together with others, intending to do a marvellous work of correspondence, but hitherto I have done nothing at all excepting eating & sleeping - living the life of a sloth, & enjoying it. I have only been in to Sydney twice since my arrival. During the first week, I sat all day in the sun reading old familiar novels, & last week's constant rain, which still continues, kept me at the same work indoors. I am good for nothing better, but the absolute rest is doing me a heap of good. What will come when I get back again, I cannot say - but sufficient ~~for~~ the day &c.

My brain is doubtless considerably weakened by the abominable experience through which I have passed, but I have not yet become so utterly insane as to ask this Sydney Frozer for a paper. I meant Frozer of Trinity - the Frozer - & I have had the cheek to ask him for a short paper on the light thrown upon the origin of tuberculosis by your book, or on any other point therein which may present to his mind a subject suitable for such a paper. The Sydney Frame! I pray thee have me excused!

It is very kind of you to offer to do the secretarial work of my section, but you have too much to do with your ~~own~~ work, & it would be unwise to me if I were to plague you with mine. Can you send me ~~the~~ address? I wrote to him ~~addressing~~ ~~myself~~

"Britishness", but have had no reply. I am very  
anxious to get a paper from him.

There is a man in N. Britain who is almost  
sure to give us a valuable paper. His name is  
Crompt, & his nature is missionary; but in spite of  
that drawback, he has already caused quite a  
sensation in Scotland with skulls. He has got  
on to the trepanning operation as performed by the  
natives. Dr Brown will give us a paper. By the  
way, did you not see Crompt's skulls at the Aust. Mus. here? Brown

Just then to Professor Wilson  
I am attacked by the Sydney Times or  
the Melbourne Matheon on the subject of papers proposed to  
be furnished by them, I shall plead serious illness,  
resulting from shock to the system, & tell them  
that Professor Baldwin Spencer has kindly consented  
to look after my secretariat - & will they kindly  
enter into communication with him.

I hope Giffen will take your offer, but where  
will you put the things? A long while ago I pointed  
out to the men at the Museum in De P.L. utter  
absurdities of location in the cases. Some of these were  
rectified, but I am sure there is more to be done. I wish  
we could get Dr Brown to go over the S. Sea collection with  
you.

I am not well up to letter writing yet,  
so excuse this scrawl. With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

L. Fison.

Dr Brown has a fine collection of L. Fison.  
stone weapons, implements, decorations &c. It is a great  
pity that it is not made public property. Lang's difficulty in giving  
up the conviction that the totem & exogamous subdivisions - or primary divisions for  
that matter - are not necessarily connected is quite intelligible to me, for have I  
not had to grapple with that difficulty myself? But, though your facts convinced me  
the "not necessarily" - & I have never set myself against proven facts.

John Mather  
"at the two  
are generally  
connected, but have  
been so in the past."