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My dear Fisa,

By today’s mail I have written to Draper and am indebted to you for opening the door of repentance. The fact is that routine work in connection with the University, Public Library, Museum, etc., has mostly taken the School Teachers Registration Board has occupied, and now than to say that minute of my time is at least two years since I have been able to do any business in the way of research work.

Apart from this carefully over a series of papers which have been sent to me which are of course but not utterly misleading. Unpublished criticisms of his work published by Andrew Lang in his “Scots Wha Hae.” He had no time for anything else.

Hastie has kindly got away
tied up in a knot out of which I do not think that he can extricate himself through his former struggle in business.

Most unfortunately for himself, Lang has attempted to show that there is no such thing as 'forced marriage' in Australia; that what we call 'forced marriage' is merely a 'fright' added to individual marriage.

On this point, I think that Hutton shows the utter nonsense of Lang by judging evidence. Lang is an emotional character who does not care at the very least about the facts but is only interested in withholding any theory which favours the view he favours.

I am still not told me what you thought about the article I sent you which was in The Nation in the 'Fortnightly'. It is very suggestive of the point which he makes in regard to the time that loophole between

woman - that from which the woman knows that a spirit has entered her or that she is pregnant is a strong one. Inasmuch as all women, even savages, have such an idea of the result of the same from comparing cases in which married women have children and "unmarried" do not.

I am expecting Hutton down again some time in September. He is now busy in writing his address as President of the A.A.G., at Adelaide in January next. I fear that they will have rather a warm time there.

As soon as I can get a chance I will see you, meanwhile, many moments of my time are occupied - just now especially so as we are very busy with School-teachers registration.

We have no fewer than 8,000 applications to go through, &amp; candidates will be air or primary or secondary.
This will be done it is hard to say
when it is I fear that there will be very many heart burnings.

Two weeks ago to my surprise
I had a letter from Mr. L. written
just in his old style. He sounded
perfectly well + says that he is writing
another book on primitive mankind
which will be his last work.

I am now a lone bachelor with
Mrs. Spencer + my two girls away in
France where they are having a delightful
time. As you can imagine I my mind
miss the companionship of my Sunday
walks but she is a most charming
letter-writer. At the present time the
letter-writer.

Two girls are in Paris where they have
gone into residence at a kind of school
where they can learn French + I fancy enjoying themselves.

At least I hope so. If there be a cat
+ a dog Charlie will be happy.

I heard almost by it to come to you
the kind regards of Sir Henry Burrell whom
I met in Adelaide two weeks ago. He
asked particularly after you.

Yours sincerely

Walden Spencer.