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My dear Spencer

I am very
glad to have heard your
paper & seen you as
we were to miss you at
Oxford. It was a very
excellent paper & the
thorough work that it

shows in anthropology
contrasts wonderfully with
that of the ~~old~~ times when
explorers had the ~~wonderful~~
serge wamp under their
eyo & for want of
knowledge could not see
them.

Our friend Frazer amused
me vastly. For years he has

been setting the Parsons
all a roving with totem-pods,
till having fed you, he
calmly proposes a
brain-nerve theory in place
of his ~~old~~ one, chuckled.

I took a write a lot of trouble
in the Dept. I dealt with ~~them~~
to refute N^o 1, and behold

N^o 2 is out already.

Oh how this will feed you

in Oxford I cannot tell
but if not it will go on
to R. H. House. I wish
I could have been
at home to see you &
talk over many things.
One especially, ^{Miss} Norcott's
Australian Folk Tales
which contain a large
amount of her father's information.

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Came to me some while ago. I sent it to Macmillans but they intimated that I would not pay cost. In fact there is a plot of savage folklore, these quarters of it not worth publication. I sent Howells' MS on to Alf Nutt who writes to the effect that he cannot

publish it himself to
lose money, but that if
it were put into better
form by the author he
thinks the Folklore Soc^y

might bring it out as an
extra volume in a year
or two. I do not see his
letter but will do so

when one of your
addresses. Howitt wanted
me to return the MS
by you if refused. It is
~~at~~ my library table
at the Museum House
in case you are in
Oxford I wish to take
it.

Mr Tylor sends kind
regards & would have
been glad to see you

again

Yours truly

Edward B Tylor