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My dear Spencer,

I am very glad to have heard your paper I seen you also we were to wish you at Oxford. It was a very excellent paper & the thorough worked that it
show in anthropology contrasts wonderfully with most of the old times when explorers had the wonderful savage ways under their eyes & for want of knowledge could not see them.

Our friend Frazer amused me vastly. For years he has been setting the fearsome all-seeing God totem-gods, till having read you, he calmly proposes a man-made theory in three of his old ones. Chucked, I took quite a lot of trouble in the effort; I sent with this to regret No. 1, and behold No. 2 is out already.
in Oxford I cannot tell
but if not it will go on
to R.D. home. I wish
I could have been
at home to see you
and talk over many things.
One especially, Norah's
Australian Folk Tales
which contain a large
amount of her father's information.
came home some while ago. I sent it to Macmillan, but they intimated that I could not pay cost. In fact there is a plant of savage folklore, these quarters of it not worth publication. I sent Hawll's ltd on to Alph 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 might bring it out as an extra volume in a year or two. I do not wish him to select the MS. I could countermand the request. I should then countermand the request.

When one of your letters, it would countermine to return the MS. I could countermand the request. It is on my library table at the Museum House in case you are in Oxford. I wish to take it.
Mr. Taylor sends his regards & would have been glad to see you again.

Yours truly,

Edward P. Taylor