

ELLESMERE HOUSE,  
WILMSLOW ROAD,  
FALLOWFIELD,  
MANCHESTER.

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My dear Spencer

I was very much pleased  
to receive your kind letter of  
~~my~~ congratulation on my  
appointment to the Owens' college  
chair & your good wishes for  
my success

You, who knew him so well,  
can understand how difficult  
it is to succeed poor Marshall  
His extraordinary intellectual  
activity, & wonderful rapidity  
of thought & action enabled

him to get through more in one day than an ordinary man does in three! consequently he was able to carry on successfully several important works outside the ordinary routine of the College curriculum.

At present I shall confine my attention to the college & museum lectures & all that they involve in order that I may have some time to learn the machinery of the College & university which seems to me to be extremely complicated. I can quite sympathize with

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you in what you say about poor Marshall's death. Had a similar experience when I lost my father & then closely, the only two men who really understood my work & capacities. For some years I thought it would be fatal to my chances of promotion. I feel now that I have been very lucky in falling in with this sort of man. I like the work very much & the air of Fallowfield suits me very well so that I am now in thoroughly good health & spirits. Of course I am grudgingly away but I do not mind that when I feel that I am making

headway in the profession & working  
for the good of a school for which  
I am responsible.

I have got good classes to  
begin with. 45 elementaries 6  
general course & 1 Honour man

The Manchester people have been  
awfully kind & hospitable. I have  
a bowl full of cards, most  
of which represent ~~calls~~ calls that  
I have not yet had time to  
repay.

I am looking forward to your  
account of the Central Austral.  
expedition & its fauna. I wish  
we had a nice desert handy  
Every thing within reach here

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is so well known.

I think we ought to send a young man out somewhere to bring back a stock of things for the Museum. I do not wish to complain ~~but~~ for it contains some nice things, but it would be considerably freshened up by a modern collector.

By the way, if you have any duplicates & things to spare from Central Australia, don't forget the Manchester Museum. You cannot find a more appreciative objects for any donations on this side of the world.

I am trying to form a collection  
of photos of relatives for the  
Museum similar to the one  
we had at Oxford I should  
consequently be glad to receive  
any photos of Blacks you can  
send me.

I think that Aubthrop's Ethnol.  
have been rather neglected here  
I it might be well to start an  
interest in it.

I gave two courses on Aubthrop.  
at Cambridge so that I am  
more or less ready to fire off  
when the opportunity comes.

I forwarded to you the other  
day a copy of my paper on  
*Stolonigera* containing an  
account of some of your Victoria  
Granularias. It was written  
more than 2 years ago & the  
delay is due to the <sup>10</sup>involuntary  
London Secretary P. H. Delator F.R.S. <sup>18</sup>aggr.

I hope it will reach you safely.

With many thanks for your  
congratulations

Believe me Dear Sir

Yours very sincerely

July Murray

P.S. When are you coming home again?