Christ Church, Oxford
17 July 1900

My dear Spencer,

Your interesting letter reached me last week. Soon after my return from Africa, and as you may imagine, struck many responsive chords. As the Empire and the truth you write precisely the feelings with which I came home. On the Sink track, a camp by a stream a hundred miles from the nearest town man must take one. Equally far from Oxford, Dehler, it is in Australia or Africa. And there are some striking similarities in these two particular continuo.

Africa also has "way-bound schools."
The greater part of it—and has
been in the able assistant and
two lectures for my biographical
work here. Provosting in Oxford
is shown work than with you, but
I hope for results.

Did you know Missoulin, the first
champion of the weight
of the South? I asked him with
him from Aden to Marseilles last
autumn and found him an excellent
companion. I last heard from him
from Ceylon to whom he was on his
way to Queen Victoria. From
our latest news I suppose he and
the rest of the Europeans meant to
be taken as dead. You Australians
are so deeply interested in China
as in S. Africa.

May I congratulate you with
all my heart on your F.R.S. and, though
it has been out a long time now, on
Your book on the Australian natives.

Many thanks for the papers about the Horn expedition. I sent you a paper of mine on the King's expedition by way of acknowledgment.

Rome has been away from Oxford for a time, spending with his fiancée. She has been in Ireland. She has been home from the Cape a short time ago, but I missed him as I did you. His father came to see us, and occasionally visited in flourishing accounts of him. Waggett—do you remember him? — is a Cooley father — a curious fact for a first

in American entomology. But he is a very interesting man — keen Romans very intimately — and has been in the Cape. Jackson (Hatchet) is Acland's successor at the Ralcliffe Library — he is an old Kewian.
Old Acland is Wednesday gone broken. It is still there about Oxford—a bare skeleton and quite handclad, supported on ivories. If you come to England, let us know beforehand. We shall be delighted to welcome you. Eighteen months ago, I had searched for you everywhere on behalf of the Education Department, but you had just started for Melbourne. Professor Morris wrote that he heard you a letter from the last trip. So you know the possibility of my coming your way in the autumn.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. Someone told me the other day that they had found your sand dunes together in a black forest hotel book!