Dear Colleague,

It is indeed late to answer your most welcome letter of Nov. 29th 1902, but I awaited to inform you of the safe arrival of the specimens you had so kindly forwarded to me, and they have been some time on the way. The two cases reached me yesterday in perfect condition, and I can hardly find words sufficient to express how pleased I am with their contents and how grateful I am to you for giving me such a splendid selection and such a fine representative series of the most characteristic objects of the Central Australian tribes, not a few of which were new to me, except for the figures and descriptions I had seen in your valuable book. Pray accept my heartfelt thanks, and if in any way that I can do for you what you have been so good as to do for me, it will be a very great pleasure to me. I assure you, yesterday in unpacking and sorting the contents of those two cases I passed several joyful hours, as I have said, all was in prime condition. The only item missing are the "Three nose bones of the Bimbinga Tribe" No. 20. I fancy that they must have been accidentally left off when the two cases were packed in Melbourne.
I am, however, not in either of the schools you mention, and a school without a library is not, I believe, a school at all. However, I have the greatest respect for the system of education in the United States, and I am sure that the children of America are among the best in the world. I am also convinced that the children of this country are among the best in the world.

You have been a great help to me in my work, and I am sure that you will be able to do the same for others. I have been able to do some work in this country, and I am sure that I will be able to do more. I am sure that I will be able to do more.

Dr. Golding is not losing his time in the N.E. corner of your great land; thanks to him, and to you, and Mr. Galton, the strange folklore of some of the not-so-sophisticated peoples of Australia will be studied, for Science, and this, from what I know, is the first time! It is a pity, indeed, that the Western and N.W. tribes have found no similar investigators, for from what I know they were in many things peculiar.

The day on which I can welcome you to Florence will indeed be a very happy day for me; meanwhile please use me freely if I can in any way be of service to you here, and don't forget that you have a sincere friend.

I am still a student in the ancient city. With best wishes and renewed thanks, I remain, dear Colleague,

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