

45 GROVE END ROAD,

N.W.

March 25th -

My dear Spencer -

I was very glad to hear from you - and I am sure that you are doing a great deal at Melbourne & have established Bishop there in a sound position.

I was very much pleased with your paper on "Megascoides" and its fine plates. What you complain of us to the absence of books - ought it seems to

me to be capable of
immediate remedy. The
N.Z. Colony must have a great
scientific library and the
University is the place
for it. I should visit it at
all times & seasons on this.
Surely you get all the Journals
& transactions! It can
only be necessary to
explain this to the govern-
ment in order to have
it remedied.

As to society - I believe
that you are only a little
worse off than you would be
anywhere in P. Britain. It
always occurs to men on
leaving the University - how
pros & abounds are the interests
& pre-occupations of the

Philistine. There is no remedy
for this. The only satisfaction
for the man of science is
in the pursuit of his inquiries
and not even the approval
of other men of his class
is of much consequence.
You are fortunate in having
an income attached to your
chair which renders you
independent of all popular
or Philistine support. You
don't want to "get on". You
are "on" - and you can
do just as you like and
smile at Mr. and Mrs.
Philistine & poke fun
at them.

Such a position does not
exist in England. It is
hardly possible to believe

that you would like to give
up Melbourne for £600 a
year in London dependent
on the chance of fees. That
is what I hold - and any
year it may drop to £400.

The Archbishop of Canterbury
and Acland have conspired
to keep me out of Oxp'd. I
should not like Oxp'd very
much - but I should like
a fixed life-income of
£900 a year. I suppose if
Marshall goes there eventually -

you would have a good chance
of the Queens College - but
fancy giving up your present
position for Manchester!

I liked Dendy's *Stylospongia*
very much. Shall be glad of
more from either of you.

Sincerely yours E. May
Leakester.