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My dear Ryne,

The mail has  
 once more come in and I'm  
 busy for a few days over C.A.  
 matters. After reaching  
 Melbourne a fortnight ago I felt  
 somewhat seedy + went off up  
 to the hills for a change before  
 Penn began not feeling quite equal  
 to settling down to the eternal grind  
 of lectures once more. Certainly  
 Victoria looked beautifully green +  
 fresh after the parchedness of  
 S.A. generally + it was a great  
 relief to be amongst dense timber  
 + fern pullies with any amount of

water. French & myself went up to a place called the Black Spur & much enjoyed ourselves preaching about quietly for 5 or 6 days. I haven't been able to get through all that I wanted before the mail went off as it was Saturday last before I could settle down to developing the last batch of negatives - the Crown Point ones amongst others. I have printed off four or three & put them inside the Horn Antropology volume which goes by this post: more shall follow next mail, but ~~there~~ has been such a lark to print off so as to send the Pontiff an anthropological skin from my camp. that I have had my hands fully occupied in this line.

It seems an age of a time since I

left C.W. We had a very comfortable journey down to the head of the lake & got through without any mishap & with a day to spare in the metropolis of Oodnadatta which was quite a long tramp. Luckily for me Kennedy was there & lived up things a bit - how he manages to retain his spirits is a marvel.

Adelaide - "that delightful town" as I'llen styles it in his letter (in contrast to "dirty dull boom-busted Melbourne") looked as uninteresting as usual.

After all I did not see Wainbeck - at least only out of a railway window on my way across at Mt Lofty so could not discuss Hornian matters with him. I don't say he will write you about them. He left me a copy of Horn's letter to the Premier to look at & his reply thereto. The former was very short & simple

I don't know how far this is private or second thoughts so please regard it as such unless I think better. I think I will write to you.

the latter in the best Wunicekian vein + must have made the minister smile as it did me. The funniest part of it was a sentence in which he stated that many things in the "narrative" were taken out of his journal which is a remarkable statement in consideration of the fact that I had only once had a short glance through the said journal in manuscript in his office + knew practically nothing whatever of its contents.

I suppose that before this you will have had a copy of it. It is much like the usual run of such things - "started in the morning on a bearing  $107^{\circ} 30'$  altered this to  $105^{\circ} 20'$  + so forth + doesn't strike me as being particularly interesting or as containing much in the way of valuable observations. If Ernest Cowle Esq is not attracted by the par. on page 45 I shall be surprised. "Mr Cowle whose leave of absence has long since expired, now asked to be permitted to