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My dear Bryce,

Many thanks for your letter. As you surmise
I nearly detest the usual
and still have begun again
leaves me no time for lecture
or committee meetings. The first
before I always give up in return
section of the year to tell them what
put on the wear of books & almanacs
so as to kind of break the ice. Once
in the work it is not so bad and
is wonderful with what reliability
the years slip away.

With the working off of the huge amount
I had hoped for a little share time
but one thing after another come up.
This year it is the Australian Academy of Sci.
which will help me Do. We are
Worldly the meeting here in January must - it seems a lot of work for the Secretaries. If you could be any chance put over - I am sure you would enjoy it as a lot of the historical people will be there. Which reminds me that I saw Dr. Ward the other day I asked him why they had not sent any copy of the Geographical Record to you about the results of which ought to be of great interest. May soon be for you to return to England to see people there about it and the core is being examined in London under the auspices of the Royal Soc.

We are having an amount of running off the press - most of the leading English ladies going in a climax or two - they are all so far as they are anything favourable - same very much so.

I hear indirectly that the Bulletin is going to remain un unfavourably but why for I can't quite think after their publication of Russia: perhaps it is on a general line. It certainly is something heavy but one can't write up the organisation in the same style as the Bulletin.

Mr. E. has quietly promised me a review in his next letter so doubtless he is fairly engaged thinking out something particularly satisfactory. "Grinnel fairly takes us to date" is all that he remarks about it so far. I can imagine him using language & finding his heart ever on or new things in the Introduction. At the present rate of proceeding he is really leisurely no work to do or mixer to look after.

The only excitement that we have here is the illness of Dr T. McCoy (on July 18)
he has been delivering the same lecture for 17 years last + in his absence we are to have a substitute + so may perhaps for an interim have a little geology taught in the University.

Added to this we have some mild excitement owing to the fact that the new is opening it's doors to a slight extent. We are getting about £10,000 at the University for medical special, pathological & physiological labs. + from £15,000 at the Public library some of which (£7,000) is to go to the national Museum for building so that as you may see things are going well in the Colony. What about W.A. I'm sorry for Forrest whom there must be nearly our only that bad times have come.

I hope you'll get a good rain: we have had a great season down here + things are looking splendid. I hope you are well.

Maddie Turner.

P.S. When is our tour for the chance could you get me on as new death-caller. I saw Boulenger the great snake-man at the Brit. Mus. + he is confident - in Mo. to Heeman - that the L.A. Reptil is a distinct species for ours + I want two or three to see if it be anything more than a variety.

What about P. Kenevan.