

Charlotte Waters

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Dear Sir Baldwin,

I was glad to receive your kind message, and, tho' late, I congratulate you heartily on the well earned honor received in recognition of your services to Science.

I saw Sir Edgeworth for only a few minutes when passing, but long enough for me to recognize his courtesy & kindness, and understand the secret of his popularity. It is a pity he did not have more time at his disposal, but he appeared well satisfied with results, and the knowledge gained should enhance the value of his coming work on Australian geology. Of late years, I have thought that the Eocene rocks, tho' of here rested directly on the Silurian, and that the only small group of rocks, upheaved in the Silurian, were almost completely submerged in the Eocene, re-erected superficially during the Tertiary to become faciated — the faciation lasting until a recent Tertiary period — and then subsided to their present level. Of course, conjectures are futile, as the Easter Islander remarked to the Tasmanian, and Sir Edgeworth's work should decide the matter.

During the years since last you saw it, there have been many changes in this country. The rabbits have supplanted the macropods, and the indigenous plants are gradually giving way to inferior kinds of herbage. A record season like the present one, may improve matters, but many rabbits survived the last drought, and I think they will soon be as numerous as ever. Many of the old, & some of the young natives you met about here are dead. Even our form of Administration ^{has changed}, and we now figure as a sort of Police Satrap. The Police protect, prosecute, punish, and feed the Aborigines. He controls their outlets and decides who shall, and who shall not, be permitted to employ them. He rules the Bungalow, and the G.P. mostly stay him — in fact he runs Bantala. The result depends on the sort of Police we get. It is not an ideal form of rule but is, perhaps, better than that of the mischief-making Missionary, or the Shum Philanthropist.

When filling up the Census

Some papers recently printed went back to the times of Lewis and Clark. Then in part to a certain question for old Berlin compared with his times, the book contained himself a former Karolik and you + I wrote about. This year I wrote Purdie and next time if I don't find I can't find it. I will narrow it to Paris - a sketch of something equally by Purdie!

If the present was of better this outside outside, I may wish what was called civilization from this next year, but Year 1800 is likely change of a change of the better. My friends opinion is that this change of our not being acquainted with Einstein's philosophy, has forced to make many allowances for learning and is changing as this a portion of space occupied by loss changed with survival of the fittest energy, the should, the change of our system this such a portion of space was, in the fact, the cause of our present existing Pithers and other friends and incidentally being most of their time. In the present reaction Sol, who may be supposed to have a favored interest in us, and who cannot be the well pleased with the former experience, was probably storing for a survival of the best they were, but Einstein's book had their friends are a bad lot and most we were faced with a struggle for existence between the Paces, which may have at intervals until only one is left. In this connection, it would be interesting to know how our present. An important detail (the fossils for instance) are regarded at the present juncture, Amphirot, I believe it will be better to remain on the tablelands with a view, if mentioned present and manner for the good old times, "All gone like snow long long ago - the times of the Baronsides!"

With the best of good wishes

Yours sincerely
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