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My dear Peter,

Your note came yesterday all right. I have been through it, I think that some of the things I sent you are some note i regard to have if it. The firm note with the valuable and I congratulate you much on gaining together what will be I am sure of the greatest value to themselves.

The Nasai and Koi head is the best of all and I am my plan that you are putting the heart deal with correction not being considered at the result of the council for this change matter.

For Australia is concerned it will serve as an eye-opener to those
who had a kind of idea that filled myself with dread, with a few very modified rules. I am persuaded that if only we could have got at the real idea of what of our Austrian Rules we should have met with this belief is some form or another.

Be sure I send a copy of this work home to Derek as soon as you can: he is at work on the subject and I believe for him only two weeks ago asking if we had any further details. I told him that we had plenty a that you had also and I am now writing to him to say that your work will shortly be published.

He will be delighted with your work and will forward.

Will you please send me down an

som a run you can a copy of the bulletin as I want to refer to it in a bit about your work you can be ready our work home to MacMillan.

The illustrations are first rate: one of them referring to the projection of evil magic an almost similar to what in here in the Central Rules. The present copy is almost identical.

There is on Maj which I do not quite understand. Page 16 par. 19 you say (near to end) the buckram was also simply the same mean the whole 7 if not I think it would be advisable to indicate clearly when you refer to Maj if it does mean the ordinary white buckram then I would like it out or at least mention if. The following reader will certainly take the word buckram to refer to white men. Also on p. 15. par. 42.

I am sure ‘in the matter’ or ‘in the matter’, I think that it would sufficiently describe matters or much better if you simply say

‘in the matter’.
I see Totemism sticking out as a good many heads of your work. As Lang would say "it sanits our feet". Totemism in Australia may of course be a rather different thing from Totemism in America but fundamentally the two systems are closely allied and sooner or later you will come to realize this. The idea of a very close connection between human beings and animals, plants is one of fundamental importance and this is what Totemism really means. The idea lies at the root of many of the most important beliefs of our Australian tribes. Until you have realized this you cannot comprehend many of their most important and characteristic beliefs and customs. Personally I do not care what it is called - Totemism or Shamanism or anything else.

By the by do you ever come across the name of a man named R. H. Matthews. Not by any work I think is yet from their awhile but he has
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... published many in the R.S. of N.S.W. on intermediate series of papers dealing almost exclusively with the class names of marine I think Shells. He has a most remarkable faculty of ranking up the classes and is a perfect Fraud which I met in Sydney. I had the pleasure I fell in love with him. He told me he has spent 32 years on it and I am glad to see that you do the same.

I have in my study here the ms of a long work by Horner. It contains the results of about twenty years' gathering. He deals mainly with the S.E. Australian tides and the centric are far north at Lake Eyre. You take the N.E. and fill in myself the central southern...
knowledge of early mankind and that our Red Australian has no seem to be extinguished by us. It is a curious thing that only.

Two hundred men have done work of this kind out in Australia.

My uncle do I envy you your chance of work. I can only see out amongst the savage interest on my time has to be

several with teaching first year medical students which is about the

most necessary social killing work conceivable.

I did not really to your previous letter but I must answer what you have to say.

I cause I do not know my thing whatever about the

queensland missioner who was a person of most superior
capable of the remaining whether in known in Victoria + central

australia + I must succeed him. But that he is just what I meant.

will mean that it is a proper place to teach the aborigine

read write + quite scripture which he cannot understand. If this

many united in the men about to try to teach him something of

mean which he could gain his time it would be far better.

people in whom put had a spell of hot weather, I feel too tired

to argue or do anything requiring much exertion. I hope you
Mr. Potter has got through the summer well.

all my time has been spent writing me for my own needs. Now thank God then I am in the last chapter am drawing hard at fullpment etc. If there be no

thing which is needed it is the description i then same fullpments last I presume it must be done.

Yours ever

Baldwin Hume.

P.S.

Be sure send me a copy as soon as

possible I dont forget Taylor.