

Tennant Street

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My dear Professor

Yours of 12<sup>th</sup> August

just received & very pleased

to hear that you were then

ok. In a letter I received

from Mr French some time

ago he said you had been so

busy since your return

that it was difficult to

get more than "how are you

or "good day" out of you.

Very pleased to hear of

your successful lectures

& the coin they realised.

Must look up the leader

for the account. Keastland

still sends them along & I find

a lot of interesting matter  
within. Have I heard about  
the O'Brien lectures. Rather  
who has not. He swelled  
so much that he had to  
take to bed with a bad  
throat. At present I am  
wondering what he wants  
me to do. Received four  
papers this morn. neither of  
them containing anything about  
himself & a short time ago  
received a memo asking if I  
required anything. There is  
some motive in this probably  
additional reference to the  
collection of responses - now  
we are still battling with  
brought & stock are having  
a very bad time. You will  
no doubt remember what this

place looked like when  
you were here. Picture it  
now after a month of 19 mark  
without rain. A more desolate  
food for the whole I don't  
think you could find anywhere  
Of course we are still hoping  
for a food season & I must  
say the prospects are good.  
Thunderstorms all around day  
& rain has been recorded in  
the N.P. several times and  
with another bad season  
Banda Banda will be a thing  
of the past. Rent is a  
very much afraid I shall  
are not going to get half  
as much out of it as we  
have put in. No more speculation  
don't think you need be afraid  
of anybody getting ahead of you



with that lizard no one  
has been collecting here &  
doubtful if the seasons would  
allow it Eastward. Hope I  
has provided something new  
to science - would much  
like to hear the phonograph  
records. Can quite understand  
city people taking an interest  
in them. Thanks - the foot  
has been behaving very well  
during the past 3 or four  
months. The skin has set  
now & can stand a lot more  
pressure & have also got  
rid of the shooting pain I  
had when you were here.  
Am living in hopes of visiting  
Melbourne some day & have  
a big alteration made to the  
foot & legging part of it.

I think a less cumbersome  
affair could be made.

The view from your window  
is slightly different to the  
one I get from mine. I have  
almost forgotten what your  
frase is like. I gave

Scott your message & he  
is going to give me a reply  
in the morning to add to this.  
The little chap is not feeling  
too gay at present. He has just  
had news of his Brother in  
law's suicide. The drought is  
so bad & water so scarce  
at Bk. that he has had  
to remove everything to the  
Taylor & Sholing. Both wells  
failing fast & scarcely sufficient  
water for domestic purposes.



so talking it all round he  
is having a very bad  
time. I have no cattle or  
the Swamings Rockhote  
Chiles has and the name  
for it I think but think  
what the natives call it)  
about 40 miles S.E. think  
it is one of those you visit.  
It's the last chance for  
the poor butler  
Spent five days with the  
& there will last July  
It was here a Stamp  
at civilization again but rather  
too fashionable in their meet  
hours for my digestive organs  
much we were jolly & I quite  
enjoyed the change.  
Spent a night with Richard  
K. Fox's admires. He was in

food found called "Lard" and  
& filled lot on foreign course in  
the boat. Hope you found  
the Spences & the children well  
they would be delighted to  
have you at home & I hope  
from what Mrs. Ellis says of  
her letters you are not to far  
away again in any account  
Kindest regards & best wishes  
for an enjoyable time during  
the coming festive season. We  
will probably be spent a good  
time writing up back work  
Yours very sincerely  
Jas. D. Sullivan





Scott says - "Thanks for message.  
I am disgusted with myself  
but will not attempt an apology  
which would be worse than the  
deed. Will try to get some specimens  
together for Camels next trip of Rain  
falls. Had a few good ones but  
the spirits eat through the tin  
collecting box & when I opened it on  
my return found it quite dry & the  
Women all ditto. Kindest regards -"

The little fellow was very shy  
while on this trip & did not visit  
my people until the last week  
although he had promised a number  
of times to call. Received a solution  
to the filler problem last night.  
He has paid five pounds into my  
Banking account for distribution <sup>amongst</sup>  
the old men of this tribe. The news  
nearly took all the breath out of me -

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