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My dear Spencer

I had been my intention for some weeks past to write to you but I have been so busy settling into my rooms & my work this term that I have been constrained to postpone it.

I hope this letter however will reach you before the sailing ship ^{On Friday} ~~Paracatta~~ arrives as a particular friend of mine Mr. Thos. will arrive in her & I am sure you will be glad to make his acquaintance. I think his voyage

to Australia has been undertaken for the benefit of his health but still he is likely to be sufficiently well to move about as an ordinary person. I should be very glad if you could help him to see the sights of Melbourne & put him in the way of any excursions into the vicinity of the surrounding country which he may like to undertake.

Will, I wonder how you are getting on in your
 new world & your life. I suppose by this
 time you have already completed your
 preliminary course of lectures & are beginning
 to attract hordes of hooves. Que the time into
 this fine & beautiful fabric of morphology.
 But it is no use speculating about you because
 I am sure you will do well & I hope you
 will still tell me in what true you
 progress made to date.

As for myself, I am in very much the same
 condition as I was in when ~~to~~ you left.
 Depend. I am settled now in my rooms in
 Gwynnes & I shall round to the uterocoma every
 day to continue my researches on the stillborn
 Uta Meyonaria. Beyond the simple fact that
 you discovered the history of the sexual
 organs in the former I have nothing much
 to report but as I am now completely
 well to health I hope to be able to work
 in the future with that youthful ardour
 and enthusiasm which was lost to me last time.
 And perhaps I may be able to forward some
 further material for your perusal.

At my friend's in Copenhagen I was but little
 in the room at the last Saturday for a number
 of the Physiological Society I stayed with me in
 always. It is not long that at paper of with
 great diligence & as usual by making a great
 reservation for himself.

I was in town in April to see Balphur
 in my mind but I have found nothing
 of him since. His meeting was a very
 good affair. They were Church of
 the world. The first few were
 your list & seemed to be very much pleased
 with the whole affair.

I have not heard from Brown lately but
 when I last saw him he was a hard at work
 at the old road & seemed occupied & happy.
 He is to be married this long ago & I think
 he has had no too particular.
 I heard from Mosley yesterday but he gave
 me no news of himself.

Scheler is still demonstrating us here on the
 17 days he is returning on the 21st of
 the 17th. The peripeteia some however seem
 to be more or less in the same line. I am
 that as it was due to my work & got after a couple
 of hours to find the end of the work.

He is probably going out to the Museum at
Calcutta (This between ourselves for the present)
The Museum at Singapore will probably go to
von Sodenfeld.

Caldwell is back from Australia but I have
not yet seen much of his work. Of course
being newly married & only just settling into
his house he has not yet had much opportunity.
I cannot say much for my own prospects
here. There are 12 men & women engaged in
morphological research at the present time & as
most of these are occupying the minor
teaching posts there is nothing left for me
but I must live in the spirit of Mr. McAuber
hope that something will "turn up."

There were two books I left behind in Oxford
which I have been unable to find since you
left, one is the Gradus ad Cantabrigiam &
the other Calverley's poems. I wish you would
look through your books & see if you have
taken away by mistake.

I saw Fowler & his wife in Oxford during the
Easter vacation & he has kindly offered to put me
up during the British Ass. at Manchester this year
I shall not go away much this long vacation as
I have so much work on hand & do not deserve

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a holiday but I may run over to
Holland once for a week or so to do
some work in the Dutch libraries & museums.
I have not begun my book but I am gradually
collecting the material together.

I suppose you have not yet come across any
Acyonaria for me. I think most probably I shall
begin my ~~work~~ on monograph of the Stolouiferous
Acyonaria as soon as I have got my Hillepore
& one or two other little things off my hands.
Mind you write to me soon & let me know how
you are

I remain

Yours very truly

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P.S. Slater sends every good wish & form of
greetings to you.