Illawurta
9th Feb 1897.

Dear Professor,

Your letter overtook me at Henbury on the 15th of the month as I was warmly wending my way home & I must compliment you on your clairvoyance or powers of deduction. You gauged my whereabouts to an affyaff but you are wrong in supposing that I was cursing the individuals who lured me from this Oasis. Honestly, I was only conscious of a dull disappointed feeling at not having been able to do more for you that there had not been rain. I wanted to tell you this properly before I left CW. but when I do really feel thing...
I am always chary of expressing them + go in for a careless style which might lead one to think I was caller to all kindly feelings. Bell was it not hot the day I left you? I got to the Sonyer with my meat rotten, in good time shaved at daylight + on to Crown Point + pitched scandal chiefly, with Mr. Ross till after midnight when I observed poor Trip Rofs about on the snow + returned to our any spot. Jane at the Bend was pretty quiet + gave me a lot of damaged hen eggs to carry me along but the hottest day I have felt this year was the 31st. I went a little past Warman's Camp for dinner + pulled up at 11.30 AM. tried to make another start at 3.15 but the camels would not face the sand till nearly sundown. It
Dear [Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. It has been some time since we last spoke, and I must say, I have been missing our conversations. I am writing to you to discuss some important matters.

I have heard from some old acquaintances of your return to [Place]. I am sorry to hear about the recent events, but I am glad to know that you are safe. It seems that the situation has not improved much.

I must say that I have been reflecting on our discussions about [Topic]. I believe that it is important to [(Reason)].

Also, I was thinking about [(Another Topic)]. I hope you have been [(Activity)].

I am curious to know how your family is doing. I hope they are [(Wellness)].

I hope this letter finds you [(Wellness)]. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours truly,

[Your Name]
show it to the blacks & tubras once more - the spear forms the nucleus & is dressed with feathers & a lot of Parinthe wooden churinga, think after the style of your big "Kurtungie". The Finke & Mission Blacks want to hold a big Nunggoda & are mustering "down" for it - I fancy that "Emu" is the object & they intend acting on Partie to let them hold it at Kentbury. If I were not going down I would let them hold it at Illpilla & see the lot - they want me to see the Parinthe churingas & I will probably let them have the spear when I come back. grants J ACK & Bad Crossing Jack are talking of what they are going to do with hat bey beyd or those strips & I told all the blacks that I was the de-linquent & would cut their comb.
if they went much further—B. C. Jack's longlocks would be valuable for trade purposes. I saw a lubra this time & asked what she had done with her hair which I knew she was keeping for the making of a certain young man called 'Jekawa' & she told me that it was 'too much long time' as her father sold it to the Crown Point Blacks for a pipe & blanket. At all the big Yigoorras they have a lot of various ceremonies & dances & go through that smoking process only from what I hear on the Finkie they give the lubras an extra fumigation I do not know the terms you have for the various ceremonies & I suppose you know the foregoing but I am just writing it in case you thought that those shows were
from Peace forge to Colby's Creek he is no
examiner. I am going here to have a
knot at Tempe. Also to exist in Alice.
Raddley Hole, Northern Territory.
Queensland. I believe to be going in
Calypso. I feel that it is an acorn...
me he only spoke with him five or 6 times altogether, he is not making collections as he has no means of forwarding things but has a few little odd ends, churina, etc. I asked if he noticed any difference between the Barrow Creek Natives and the Finke ones, and he said that the difference is strongly marked - the Barrow Creek Natives are darker skinned and haired and that they are not nearly so Jewish in type as those about the Mission, where the hair at the tips is in many cases quite light. I believe he took samples of a good many, would you like some of the light specimens. I often wonder whether the water of the Finke has a bleaching effect. By the way, he saw our
Young Camel about 20 miles above Running Waters on the Tinka 8 days ago. I have sent two lads in to see if it is still there; 1 could not send the only boy I have left here but if I can hear of it still being there I will go myself. Mr. Warburton was disap-
pointed that we did not go round his way - he heard the Three Decker Frenes & the Benclad Cowle were to be cruising in his vicinity.

I have at last got that well earned promotion I told you of & can now write 2nd instead of 3rd Class to my name. This carries with it a whole 6p dinner extras so on receipt of this I wish you would buy a long sleeper of the beverage I recommended for you & French Porter Saff (Lemonade) Stout.
I hope you told him how hopeless the season here is entomologically 
& zoologically. I did not see an egg 
coming back & am wondering if the drought will delay the 
Black Cockatoos this year. I have 
got bottled, an *Ichthyurus*, small snake, 
Scorp. Amphibolurus maculatus. 

Kimulia nesieri, Varanus brevisci 
Phaco* Mac* & I'm in a fix, I have 
a Peracreagale with two young ones 
about size of rats. Hope to get some 
thing better soon. I found the garden 
almost a desert much to my dis- 
appointment, many a melon or tomato 
& expect none unless we get a good 
shower - don't forget to send me 1st 
Anthropology & the Recipe for Lemon 
Syrup without Lemons as one cannot 
say what the Federation Convention 
will say or my leaves. Father wants 
me to go over & look at West Aus. 
with him but I am off that. Kindly 
regards & all good wishes to you & 
hoping to see you soon & that Beale 
climbed my red mulgaha with the team 
en route to 0.*

Yours very sincerely

*Chorset Bord

* Haven't heard from the Ptniff to date - won't close this till last minute.

*1st Field has just sent me a wire . Can't be recommended till Statistics are collected.
Don't know what Statistics are meant but I sup- 
pose I will get another wire or particulars next 
mail. We were stopped out by these Peracreams last 
night - they simply filled the tin & gas oxygen 
to hell. What is the reason of this or is it just 
heat manufacturing a deadly gas. Sorry you 
were not here to enjoy it.