Illa macta
30th Sep 1899.

Dear Professor,

It is so long since I heard of or from you that I thought you had forgotten me. I can understand the quantity of work you must be getting through, removing all the articles from National Library to the Museum and must congratulate you on the appointment as Director provided it is not a purely honorary appointment which Governments are so fond of rewarding deserving people with. Latterly some of my pre-conceived notions have received a very severe shock and I now think
success should always be followed by everything give way to each consid-
erations. During the last month I was out round Tempe & Gill Range the Cou-try out there was looking lovely & the blacks most of whom had just returned from Paol were stopping on their own country & behaving well so we were on the friendliest terms, they took me to one plant & were anxious for me to go to another but I could not go on & although the grass was perfect in full seed, water, away from the main range was not plentiful for the horses. I got one stick which I will probably send to Gillen but it is awkward as it is nearly 2 f long. I got it as it is marked in squares this instead of circles etc as usual & all the natives who gave
it be one feels tell me ex just that it is how she been and is the best that is has been as a child as he once when his much father said who are among the others.  All the love and love and affection for the others and the others which I have have not much in common.  It is a long letter from Alison who appears to have a new name who wrote me all the good things.