Illamurta
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Dear Professor,

It was not forgetfulness which made me miss last mail but an utter absence of material to work on and I fear it is but little better this time. Owing to the floods I took our mail nearly to Mr. Burrell's and although I got back to Illamurta I heard from Sillen that
you were to be at C.W. on 6th Feb. I was very much annoyed at not knowing earlier as I could have just as easily taken the mail to C.W. Had a talk with you and got thoroughly grounded in "Aminthopiki" and "Rammaphilae" or rather "Phacolopale". I am posting you a skin and a salted red which I got near Haast's Bluff. My little bottle of spirits would not take them and I tried dry salting as an experiment probably you got these at the Char- lotte but the extreme length
of tail & their heads being placed like those of a cow pitched on. They are both adult females & had young ones attached which the boys lost, one has a few grey hairs in end of the tail & the other is black. I think if you dry wet the dry salted one she will pull into shape & you will see the udder treats complete. You did not tell me if I sent you the right kind of props. From here I have seen no others about yet & presume that the tadpoles & props in Creeks & cockholes around would be pretty nearly all similar. It is difficult for an untaught youth to distinguish differences but if worth while I will bottle some at each camp I notice them at.

I seem to meet with better luck for Heartland than any one else & I really believe that I have got them some good eggs. Mr. French wrote asking me for some Polytellos' eggs but I fear they have disappeared from his again — they never were.
plentiful about here but if I fail in that line I will get him some others equally as rare when the season comes again judging by the number that have gone to down the eggs & offspring of these wonderful birds should be as common as sparrows.

You tell me you travelled down with "Dick" well isn't he a beauty he patronizes lectures & advises me whenever we meet in a charming manner & really
His quite serious in fancying himself a very shrewd business man yet in reality "Dick" has been thoroughly victimized by everyone he has had really close business transactions with. He came out here to try and induce me to go in with him but I re-\-jected. Dick had lost the energy which characterized him some years ago. I have an objection to getting at or being got at by my friends. He wrote me from Alice well this mail tells me he was ill most of the time
in row with flowers. It was a steady process all the time and quite a success. The results are splendid. He is still in hospital but quite well. He is a very kind person and has a lot of influence with all the Aborigines. We are going on a bit of a moral tour. We went out to see the animals and we killed one of them. I hope we have a year which will be a help to a year which will be one of pronounced success.
he doesn't look particular,-ly healthy. All quiet at Temple sif things keep so, I will either take a seen in to Alice or see the Pontiff or down to see Pat as I feel the want of a change shave not pouched enough yet to follow on. I can't see where this tickles you people as I fancy I can do it yet till Walter has left the Bank and wanted me to go for a trip to Tasmanian & make the acquaintance of numerous bucolic...
The failure of an otherwise noble character. I can quite picture your troubles with the 'under-grads.' I reckon you are capable of handling them thought would be sorry to be one of the one you felt inclined to squeak. Hines's syndicate don't seem in any hurry to make up their minds about starting him out again. I am sorry to hear about his vuel--were you serious about this it is he really bad?
cousins but I think this would be a trip too steady when I want a quiet time I think I will go on one of those excursions to the South Seas or Japan.

England might be more beneficial but this tariff stiffened me. Well good night good luck if I can get over some day to Melbourne you might let me take your place for a day with your students. Thanks very much for kind wishes & invitation.

it will be taken ad-vantage of yet.

Yours very sincerely

C. Ernest R.