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My dear Spencer

Yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> together with Ms to hand: page 23 is so lightly typed that I cannot make it out if you can find time to retype it I shall be glad to have it. The death & burial ceremonies were interesting though quibbling reading. I am now fairly in harness again & I cannot truthfully declare that I enjoy it. Saturday was a busy day & I was in the office from 8:30 until 6 pm & was home for lunch. Berkeley returned to Down this morning so for the future my official

more will be kept pretty close  
to the ground stone. I had almost  
forgotten the office routine &  
found it extremely awkward picking  
up the threads again. I am  
glad that you have sent me  
some of the Cyprian to Herndon  
he is an enthusiast & will I am  
sure do his very best. The cost  
of reproduction is heavier than  
I expected & I certainly see no  
reason why we should bear it. Surely  
the different institutions to which  
the records are distributed would  
be only too glad to receive  
the actual cost of reproduction.  
I suggest that you offer the  
Cyprian on these conditions  
you may now gladden my heart  
in Ed. Sorensen have the Bishop Folger

than a King. Shall I sell  
Minnesota nice sweet. On Wednesday  
night I am to be introduced at a  
Welcoming Smoke Social at which  
the Mayor is to preside. Wish  
you could be here to witness on  
the victory. I am inclined to  
think B.P. Co. has not yet  
arrived in from Normandie. I see  
He can hear nothing of them  
& Chance has had to go out to  
Newington without his saddle &  
gun. Sorry you missed - that we  
both missed - old Sir Charles Folger  
told me my wife that he didn't think  
I shall be long at Quantal but he  
didn't say anything to me & I  
am doubtful if he has got any  
real reason for making the remark.  
I hope what you say about Tet

lets I dont think I have mentioned  
anything to which you have  
not referred in the Age  
article. The Register wanted  
a second interview but I  
declined. Glad to get Miss  
Whites photo but it does not  
do her justice. It was good  
of her to think of sending  
it & I should be glad if  
the beautiful B Se followed suit  
What are Miss Lamberts ornaments?  
I long for Black Spar soup also  
photo of self & children  
Have you seen a ~~10~~ about  
that Creek? Hope all flourishing  
as Hammonds kind regards to  
Mr Spencer love to the girls  
Yrs ever  
F. H.

## ETHNOLOGICAL EXPEDITION.

At a meeting of the Council of the Royal Geographical Society on Friday the following resolution was carried:—"This Council desires to place on record its gratification at the action of leading scientific men in the mother country in urging upon the Governments of the Australian colonies the importance of extending ethnological enquiry relating to the aborigines of Central Australia by Professor Baldwin Spencer and Mr. F. J. Gillen, the authors of the 'Native Tribes of Central Australia.' The Council also gladly records its appreciation of the promptitude with which the Government of this province acted in granting Mr. Gillen one year's leave of absence on full pay, and of the Government of Victoria in contributing £500 towards the salary of Professor Spencer, and also of the public-spirited generosity of Mr. David Syme, of Melbourne, in defraying the cost of fitting out and equipping the expedition. It is with great satisfaction it learns that the University of Melbourne has granted the necessary leave of absence to Professor Spencer, to enable him to extend his valued ethnological investigations in connection with the primitive inhabitants of the interior of Australia."

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