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My dear Spencer

It's all over & I am still
alive but in a somewhat battered
condition & suffering a recovery. You
will have seen from the papers what
a splendid success it was. The Hall
was crowded to the doors many poor
beggars had to stand all through
the performance & scores of people
lurched away from from the doors
others they found that there was
no accommodation. The idiots who
ran the concert did not hire the
down chairs because it would have cost
a few more pounds to do so &
the consequence was that it remained

unoccupied except in cases. The paper
of the fleet was reviewed for the
Geographic people & their friends &
there of course were all dead beats,
in addition to the numbers of
people but free tickets sent to them so
that when all expenses are paid the
standard will not amount to much.

It was a magnificent audience & I think
early headed & comprising the jagged
band of all the Adair & the fellows
Lulu came in evening dress. It
was an awful ordeal to face since in
the of head. Your vice was bound to
me just as I was about to ascend the
stage with the latter chief. I asked his
permission to visit & then hurried it to
him. He said very nice & kind of prop
I think I shall like to have had the
opportunity of seeing him he is a very

able man to which I expect you see
quite the usual all round man in
Australia & the smelt blaudy. I dined
with Sterling, Gilbert & Foot Watson
a very light dinner with one sherry &
wade & back it down & after the show
on my entrance to the Club &
supper was held in - a first rate lot
of fellows there including Prof. Mendenhall
my General Deed - the meeting & show
I returned to my hotel. It was a
delightful ending to the day & would
has been perfect if you had been there.

The latter Chief called me up in
proposing a vote of thanks & made graceful
reference to my master & colleagues. Early
after I had concluded he asked me if
I would repeat it for the University of London.
Course I said I was honored by the
request & would do so with pleasure (pencil)

He would approach the Deputy Provost about
less otherwise I shall have to give up
part of my annual term & I had already
devoted 40 days for the Geological period
He agreed to my terms thanked me & I
then asked if him if now that I was
officially attached to the University I
could assume the rank of Professor. The
old chap fairly bubbled over & finished
up by making me to decide which I
respectfully declined unscrupulously inventing
a secret relation as one excuse. I really couldn't
stand talking supper to him for a whole
evening. In my introductory remarks I
made some stiff reference to Sterling which
greatly pleased the old boy "it is the
good of you fellow devils good"
was his comment afterwards. He was
indeed most kind & I think he takes
more than an ordinary interest in me

Miss & Mr Lambert met me at the home
 on my way down & again on returning
 yesterday Miss L was to have come on
 here for a few days but her Mother
 is suffering from a galled foot &
 the visit had to put off. The Lord
 only knows now when we shall for
 Brian & Jack are both very ill with
 Measles & I suppose it will go
 through the house.

Toad was too unwell, he said, to
 attend the lecture the old beggar didn't
 say one word by way of congratulations
 which rather nettled me. Missionaries

Brownman gave a luncheon on Friday
 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of
 Stuart planting the flag on North coast
 of Swains of the party were there
 including a nice modest fellow a Swain
 named Stephen King. I sat opposite to Toad

and I fancy the real thing did not
quite approve of my his subordinates
being placed on such close proximity
to him. I had a long chat with him
in the morning on official matters
The statement forwarded to me
for appointment to the first leg
office ~~was~~ being vacant about the
11th. So this is satisfactory if he
doesn't forget all about it. Good
fun that I thought my long service
was the pleasure to my ethnological work
would give me to some special benefits.
at the hands of the first the was
good enough to say there on his opinion.
By the way I must tell you that the
late Acting Governor had words to me
and I should like to see the Federal
part give you a decent salary after
you from your present duties. Is that you

could devote the share of your time to
ethnological research. I told him that
they were far more likely to reduce
my personal salary. Gile was in great
fury he is a good fellow & was glad
to hear from him that he had a
great contempt for the recommendation of
the Chief Secretary about - Gardner
the Chairman of the Board is surely
our Inspector under the Federal Govt
& he is sure to bring within a week or two
before them. It worries me a good deal
Mark I had seen things in
Melbourne. Maddy enquired about you
about his kind regards. Old Nelson is
looking splendid but his language if
anything is more sulphurous than of
yore he has acquired some French
words - that close now kind of regards
to Wm Spence in which my

Wife joins I should

Yes was
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Amongst the audience was poor little
Mrs Russ standing at the back of the
Hall fortunately I saw her & took her
on into the Geographies reserves where
she was comfortable for the evening. I also
rescued Dominic & his Sister from a
similar position. 6 of the Stirling
family were present.

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