My dear Spencer,

I am glad indeed to get your letter yesterday. The kitchen midden 
that must have been highly interesting to live in doubt you would have as 
original. May I could have been with 
you although I don't think I could 
have done much with the food, 
Fornce I had no idea that anything 
lke these middens existed in 
Australia. The blacks must have camped 
in one place for long periods of 
time. The red earth is a pity that 
now it is too late to learn enough 
of the people who inhabited that part 
of Victoria. I suppose there is not 
were now out of reach now will all sleep in that midden.
Here there has been a devil of a bother about our railway workshops of which Locomotive Engineer Roberts, whom you met at the fete, has to head. Gordon in the Upper House and many of the northern wise长期 used to produce the much too costly to be the men were highly inept and, the labor movementisors from this matter is to be decided by a Special Committee which will be so constituted that no decisions can be made, nor a law will be passed. Result—continuance of the old war. Have often thought of your idea of improving the public service though at first I was strongly against it. I now believe it would be an excellent thing both for the public and for the private servants.

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He has had a real bad time with the measles the children are not all recovered yet. The little girl in 2 rooms is quite a wonder. Eliza Keene had had attacks of severe constipation, during the day and night for a week. Eliza is as thin as a reed but from whom she was very fat has not lost much condition.

The chapter on beliefs in Forest Vale on the account of returning of Chawunga makes interesting reading. I hope you will be in connection with the latter. The picture Alonita ulpaluma or softening of the cutleries with Chawunga you have the Negresses—also while I think of it those two Honourable persons are worth publishing. See envelope 1st July 98 Jemilla Ngad-one.
I sent the memorial to you but I have never been able to place it in your collection. I note that in reference to Nottingham you have said nothing about the producing earthquakes which occur when moving about in its lines.

The Institute lecture realised £42 odd which means that something like 600 people were dead, and the members of the RGS of their friends. After paying £55 about £29 was available for distribution. I think more sympathy with council would be glad of a suggestion from you. I respond that I heartily want to have a suggestion. The amount was so small that it was not worth considering perhaps till Hamilton the production of hydrogen could assist means in coming to a decision but failing this I would like the whole amount spent in raising a fund to be added to whilst being sure to draw attention to the claims then. This course they have adopted a paragraph has appeared in the disabled list which affects this society very carefully suppressing the amount and so probably they are ashamed to let the public know that they advertise the lecture on the 3rd. If ever I appear before the RGS again there will be a distressing misunderstanding. They will have to submit to any terms the president and me for the lecture to publish in their announcements. I should of course be the CW which will get...
a nice little surprise from Flower Stores.

The amount is insufficient to repay even a part of about 30 cut flowers from some I will send Paddy to sell there. Think it comes from you?

Are you becoming reconciled to your new quarters or do you still yearn for Harrowdine, I mean Lambert prefer the new home. Have just had a small packet of letters from a man who has owed me £15, for fifteen years unsolicited. I was, however, very surprised to be gladened my heart by sending me a money order for the amount yearly.

Must now close. Remain regards to Mrs. Spencer and also to the girls.

Yours, ever

[Signature]

Fidel writing 5pory as he says his food and clothes handsomely

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