

Albion

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My dear Spencer

In separate enclosure you will find Brodmans report on his explorations N W of Kumbaley from which you will see (if you do not already know) that he has located Gyffys native drawings which you & I had some hopes of discovering. I shall be glad to know what you think of the drawings they are a fine lot & vastly superior to anything I have dropped across.

The report came to me from Attorney General Gordon.

My Adelaide University Lecture is fixed for the 17th Sept right in the middle of old Reeds course on the four great legends of Shadapuan.

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Working matters today. We are going
about the lantern & propose to take
the Electric wires into the Conservatory.
We have our own lantern recently
imported so this part of the business
should be an improvement on the
Iron Hall affair. Perhaps you will
let me suggest to you that you
want a new sounder finish up
to your lecture. It dies away too
gradually (he means suddenly I think)
you have got a splendid opportunity
in the first figure of the party with
his head bowed in prayer (He means
the man buying books) & you can talk
on a small personal "to him"

I'd like to fare in with the
Suggestion I would please the old
Chap with you therefore write a
small personal treat it along

if you can find time let me know
I'll do something up myself
although I'd much prefer you doing
it.

I wrote to Prof Hudson addressed
to Anthrop Institute which you saw
on the Murray - thanking him for
his very kind letter
Have you made inquiries re election
for Bell?

Re the May-Low affair I refer in
Athena shall hear heads mysteriously &
I fancy the little Chap has had some
perhaps received. Has dropped the subject
suddenly. Cleared off to Victoria where
he is now said to be still following on
the Melbourne Exchange ways envious
and they are not far say some say
things which it would not do to
commit to paper but in case of

Sudden flight to Victoria you can imagine
what would be said. Personally I don't
like it he impresses me as being
effusive & insincere his letter at my Adeline
show disquieted me for I had the feeling
that he looked about everyone in the
room's strain & that the audience paid little
or no heed to his opinions. Don't run
away with the idea that he rubbed me
up the wrong way he evidently meant
to be very kind. It's a case of I do not like
the W. J. &c.

I am reading Longs "Custom & Myth"
The preface in which he chews up a
philologist named Brown Junior is
simply lovely. Of course you read
it. I've also got Lubbock's (Stobbe's)
Prehistoric Times in which you are
said to have given reason for belief
in the existence of an Atlitlean
(whatever that means)

Continent at a recent geological
 period. Both books have been recently
 added to the Institute library and
 I remain here much longer they will
 soon have a decent collection of
 Ethnological words. The price of these
 books makes the Committee squirm &
 so far I have not been able to persuade
 them to buy Frages & Jordan's Boagh
 a propos of Frages of course I realize
 that it is a great distinction to
 be proposed for Membership by so
 great a man. Surely you told me
 years ago that Frages & Hewitt were
 both Fellow? Have come it that
 Frages has that distinction but Hewitt has
 not. It appears to me that Hewitt
 has done much more original work.
 I would gladly stand down & wait my chance
 if by doing so Hewitt's election could be

accomplished. Could this be done? Could
you not visit Drayton May this is in
~~your~~ ^{our} ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~water~~ ^{water} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~strait~~ ^{strait} ~~who~~ ^{who} ~~is~~ ^{is} you
say the father of Christ Anthropology
etc. I have the appointment. I want
gladden the old man's heart he must
feel some one Stirling's election: long it
all is there any distinction or has or
which comes to name solely as the
award of merit. All these honors are but
their value when one hears their names
found or bestowed ~~honorably~~ ^{honorably} more
influence - if you can do anything as
at once you have my full authority. If
necessary say to Drayton that I feel it would
be unjust if not absurd to elect me without
Stonitt is included -

Have you read your friend Jenks letter
book - most interesting letter book - on the
History of Politics? It contains appreciations

reference to our work. The eccentricity
of Jenks carried us over and of the
most dreary stages of our journey viz
from Regans Hill to the Waveford
Much of what you say about
Kingston is true but in the respect
you are told him you are both
likely to avoid ~~studies~~ ^{studies} as still ~~the~~
him you ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~studying~~ ^{studying} ~~such~~
deline word of that should ~~be~~ ^{be} left to
your ~~subordination~~ ^{subordination} in ~~half~~ ^{half} ~~part~~

The Allegator from which I had seen
a thrilling ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~escape~~ ^{escape} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~which~~ ^{which} you
so deeply shot when it was about to
seize me is to find a place in the
local Enslavement Museum. The boys has
found of it to find who has committed
murder though he has only shown where he
got them from ~~wanted~~ ^{wanted} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~disappear~~ ^{disappear} ~~of~~ ^{of} it
for you - Miss Lambert's Mother

Lecture was a great success. The Hall a
very small one was full on my arrival
Many for a lecture the Church benefits
to the extent of a few pounds.

We are inviting here to repeat the
lecture here on 13th Sept in aid
of Institute - I am to open the
New Town Hall - a fine building - at
Mallawoo with my lecture in October

Mr Lambert was over of here yesterday
taking part in a Christian Endeavor
Lecroon Mr Lambert is decreasing
from Infancy - was not well enough
to come with him. I don't think the
old fellow is very happy at Mallawoo
he does not appear to be popular
with his Congregation but is Mr Lambert
in family were supposed. The wedding is
not to take place until March next
understood that it was to come off in

November. I have got together
 a nice little lot of Myan dottes
 & some day I hope to take
 you over a Coop if only to
 convince you of the superiority
 of a first class laying strain
 which is also a good table
 bird. The measters have taken
 themselves off & the heddis are
 now nearly well again. The morning
 has rather Spirit Spencer who is
 a masterful little monkey. I wish
 you could see him now he
 really is a fine big burly fellow
 The little old wife is looking a
 trifle worn but she certainly
 put up with that the strain of
 nursing is over now of birds
 Your people I am sure have had
 an anxious time during the storm

At the threatened strike - Bond is
not without fault as you say
General Keenan's splendor. Your
friend Buckley was a good deal
in evidence he appears to be
by way of being a humanitarian
though his humanitarian studies are as
kind of the same caliber and
that it is a good friend Simpson
who traveled alone with us and
the Sumner - The Pandemonium has

Severing round there with a vengeance
the labor party is practically dead
due to death by their own greed
All Australia is in a parlous
condition if we had a few
get rid of us should you see sufficient
about for our own requirements. This
year as for most previous ones nearly
all the stock in the State is practically

controls the whole supply - My poor
family as Chance would say. By
the way I hear that the Diamond
Police Camp is to be shifted to a
ghastly unwholesome base 80 miles
nearer Hergott. The poor old people
will be heartbroken. His family in
Ohio has a trust now close
love to the dead.

Yrs ever

J. S.

My third report to old Vera says
hope to join him in a few
some day