

Moonta

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My dear Spencer

Either you have a highly exaggrd idea of the Order of merit or Samuel May who should be an authority on such matters is strangely ignorant about it. I accept the latter position because in 9 cases out of ten you are right. You appear to think that I rather lost my head over the matter, nothing of the sort, I have no real live desire for any such distinction & the thought that it was shared by Keble & others would not afford me half as much satisfaction as would the making of a few hundred golden pounds out of my work. Of course I had no idea that the Order was of such

Nevertheless at their meeting resolved
to hand you the sum of £5
to be expended in purchase of
Stores for the "Cala Drive"

The whole of the receipts swamped
in expenses. I think I told you
that they took the Electric light in
especially from the University to the
Elder. This must have been a costly
item. The printing & advertising would
not amount to much. There were
only a few hundred admission cards
printed & two or three short ads
in the dailies. I am sending
the £5. on to Jim Field for
distribution amongst the old Marriages
with our compliments. He will be
able to get a bag of flour &
a good lot of Tobacco & it will
serve to keep our memory green

importance I thought it was something
like the French Legion of Honour.

What a earth did the letter mean
mean he must have been suffering
from temporary blindness or
indulging in a vulgar game
of pulling my simple legs off
he had only carelessly mentioned the
matter. I shouldn't have taken
much notice but he banged upon
& returned to the subject several
times & was determined in the
presence of Lady May. That day
I must have been about it
for my other order again
I am just recovering from a
sharp attack of La Grippe & feel
anything but fit. I should have
been in bed for the last week
but I am glad to say I am

floating the antibodies through the
the dream days in my clothes.

That was appear in the dark
as to your dango in Leg day
from I which I gather that you
were having a right good time. You
I should have enjoyed that trip
down the Harbors. & the last of
the University House. I can imagine
good service old Hitchcock
kept up as he discussed the
and spoke to the visitors. I am sending
you whether you had managed to
get a quiet evening together.

This is humbling note from the
Registrar of the University
I + + + I very much regret to inform
you that in consequence of the limited
sale of tickets the receipts did not
cover the expenditure. The Council

What a splendid victory for
 Irwin by Joss the Anti-Reformers
 have had an awful haul over
 I am sorry for your friend
 Lazarus. Like all Irishmen I
 am particularly interested in Irwin
 owing to his relationships to John
 Mitchell and John Martin two of
 the most distinguished of the 1848
 Rebels. The two men represented
 two distinct types in Irish
 politics. Mitchell was a fiery
 fanatic who did some years
 transportation in Tasmania & finally
 bolted to America. Martin was
 such another man as Justin McCarthy
 with perhaps a deeper poetic note
 in his temperament. Let me
 know what you think of Irwin
 do you know him personally?

With such a majority he should
be able to do real good and
I hope he will not deal unfairly
with the Civil Service although I
admit that they do not deserve
much consideration in view of their
present ^{inadequate} salaries.
I am enclosing an extract from
a letter which I read from
Alfred de Grey our Agent
General a day or two ago let
me know what your thoughts of
it. It's rather a funny idea
the Agent General of a State
offering to stamp his hand in
our interests. Evidently he thinks there
may in S. Africa to have looked at Yella
a local mining Suburb tonight on
out of their Institute but had to
postpone owing to illness - Mrs

Lambert we to have come over. She
is all alone at Waterloo the
old people are in some way
I believe you on to Melbourne
where she will remain until after
the wedding. Mrs L is very sorry
for us to go over but of course
to get out of the position
she & the bella will get on
splendidly together & as we looking
forward to having her here again
for a few days next week.

Wednesday old Greyer is engaged
with the Fellows of the Royal
Geog. Soc.

Must close now I hear the
Prospect to a letter that a week
you are here to join me - But
regard sb - Mrs Spencer

Your truly
F.H.G.
(born in old York Sep 2)

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Extract from Gaingero letter dated
London 29 Aug

"I am delighted at your & Prof Spencer's success. I wish one of you would come to London England & lecture. If neither can come then I offer free of any expense so far as I am concerned to give your lecture announcing it as such in some of our English Centers & in Dublin or elsewhere as you may desire. All profits to go to you & Spencer. I should suggest that the first lecture or two should be free & given to the Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society (I fancy I see your smile. F.H.) & one other. It will advertise the Authors & the lecture. The usual & I think the best plan is to show the views after the lecture proper. The views should have the descriptions on the top so that the audience can the more easily see & find in the idea of the picture. In any case always remember that