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have the Reg  
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made fine  
making by  
me Shields  
many years  
ago  
The Charlotte  
Breed making  
fine with  
elfe stick in  
face that is the  
any 2 front eye  
fine made

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My dear Spencer

Warren had really wonderful  
luck in Melbourne none of the  
horses he backed before going over  
won a race yet he won either  
£467 or that amount less £250  
I can't quite make out which.

He writes jubilantly & not very  
clearly. He greatly enjoyed himself  
at your house & was about  
Mrs Spencer & the kiddies. I  
am delighted that he won but  
I am getting a little anxious  
about him, the betting habit is  
growing upon him & to make  
this win he must have run  
serious risks. I wish to the  
Lord I could lay my hands

My Neph went to Iowa on  
Thursday 1 on Friday Dr. Handley  
removed from Eggs shows a  
growth which he says is  
entirely Aspergillus for the  
trouble with the dear little  
things Eggs. The Neph would  
not of course but says it is  
that the man doing splendidly  
and that the man already and  
great improvement in the Eggs  
I feel that I would like to go  
out & whoop for joy, the  
thought that our only girl  
might grow up with the  
horrible deformity of Cross  
Eyes has been a source of  
Nervous Anxiety to us for  
months. The local Medicine

Mama looked at her ~~throat~~  
it seems now does not understand  
how the eyes could be affected  
by a growth ~~throat~~ - poor  
little Spencer who is just beginning  
to prattle wanders round the  
house in noisegone manner  
calling "Mama" & "Ely"

I am glad Mrs Lambert had  
an opportunity of hearing you  
lecture. She was very much  
afraid that she would miss  
it. - Are you keeping an  
account of Sam's reading of  
the lecture? it would be desirable  
presenting it to her ~~to~~  
The total - I had a good  
time and a very pleasant one  
at Kaduna. Mr Lambert drove  
with me back to Amoye &

audience was our broguey parish  
Padre who has a typical Irish  
Priest's face. he enjoyed himself  
immensely & was on the platform  
congratulating me when Mr  
Lambert came along to say  
good night; late on the eve I did  
not think of introducing them  
to each other. It would have  
been edifying to the people  
to see the Padre & the Chaplain  
of the Orange Lodge fraternizing.

I was surprised to get a  
letter from old Kulland on  
Satdy he is still on the track  
of that Bower Birds egg I gave  
him one of the two ages ago  
but he is dying to own the  
chick: this is his first  
bird assent - he has family

broken down my defences so I'm  
going to Capitulate on his  
own terms.

I wrote to McInerney a letter  
while ago about the informal Aff  
affairs on the University I am  
enclosing his reply. I am glad  
that he at any rate is true to  
Alma Mater - I did not know  
that he had lost his seat. You  
don't quite like him but I feel  
sure he is a right good fellow  
& you have no more sincere  
admirer in Australia - If he  
had sided with Lyne & his gang  
I should have hated him

I should like to have met your  
enthusiast friend Ross if he has money  
to gratify his tastes for fine  
Arts things. He could have the great

held of my collection at a  
reasonable figure - after you have  
taken what you want out of it  
there are some things I want you  
to have - I have Churinga gators in  
Stone Trood & a good collection  
of old stone knives etc etc.  
This reminds me that I have a  
beautiful knife belonging to you  
one of the two Middleton gave  
us. I was not surprised to  
learn that you don't agree with  
D. Haddons suggestion as to the  
origin of totemism - it appears  
to me, just as it did to you,  
quite unapplicable to our tribes  
personally. I don't think it is  
a different matter to account  
for Abel - amongst our tribes, it  
appears to me that an Iron

The Macgregor began to think he  
had to account for his own origin  
just as he had to account for  
the origin of natural features  
& it was - according to his way  
of reasoning - quite logical to assume  
that he had changed from an  
Animal or a plant. He observed  
the change of the grass for  
timber saw it pass through the  
various stages from Egg to Belle  
or Bush & probably this gave rise  
to the idea that his ancestors  
who was all powerful, omnipotent  
changed from animals to  
man. The animals in these days though  
the ~~idea~~ <sup>idea</sup> was in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> shape as our last  
extraordinary persons in fact they  
conceded to what they claimed as  
plants. This idea of origin

I am busy getting up an entertainment to be called "A Grand Concert" for the  
Pecanunnes with  
Chaps & Dads  
I am 289

by a prominent man in a strong group  
started, would soon spread far &  
wide. I have told to you of  
this in the "lone solitudes" & you  
have not agreed with me but the  
more I think of it the more  
I feel sure that I am not far  
off the track. It would be an  
excellent idea to have a special  
word for the Australian form  
of totemism. In my mind  
the "Ema Wren" & "Saprob Pardal"  
of the Kooras are distinctly not  
totemic at all but rather in  
the nature of Ilquathare or  
Males of The Doves just as  
Cairns birds & lizards are the  
Males of Cairns totem people  
in Central Aust. Of course I wouldn't  
dare to say this to Fison or  
Huxford to the latter especially of  
whom I am very much afraid