

Woolu  
6<sup>th</sup> January 1908

My dear Spicer

I find pages 324 to 330 inclusive  
are missing did you send them  
along or were they skipped in  
numbering. I have gone carefully  
over last lot of Ms & have  
nothing to add. The chapter  
on Ecology of lotus is good  
& the initiatory introduction improves  
that chapter. Are you not  
going to use the Marung-ga  
notes? I think they should be  
recorded & I also think it would  
be worth while pasting 1 or  
2 photos of the last of that  
tribe. The prints I sent you some

Time ago would do.

Unfortunately all my old field  
books were destroyed at Albi  
Spring's & I have no record of  
the Chichingalen. Certainly but I  
strongly remember distinctly and a  
wondering to you a long account  
is of united together with a pair  
of photos illustrating the  
decorations at different stages. I  
think you will find it among  
your papers in England. I have  
many times lately regretted destroying  
my old field books. It was an  
idiotic proceeding. I wish with  
that I could have now printed a  
page with you where you are able  
I should like to see those about  
you are writing the introduction  
& I want much to know something

about the proposed Chinese publications  
that are they to be? I hope you  
will be able to mention if  
the Nahuatl might be some if you  
can reproduce these & inform to  
its original nature. I should be  
of the most official business and published  
Are you going to make drawings  
of Aztec coffins in the book  
bundle sent on the 11<sup>th</sup> October? The  
latter would make a very effective  
picture with its tapered sides & the  
two sides with a photograph of  
the same. The paper are also showing the  
Transatlantic scenes but there is no  
enthusiasm outside of James' circle  
The "Wooden" railway man with whom  
may the devil fly away - has been  
showing out several about a trip  
to the old Comstock with others



of the scheme but the idea does  
not meet with popular support &  
I'm inclined to think his friends  
has been nipped in the bud. So  
far I have not seen the bill  
or Henderson's pamphlet. I agree with  
you that it is utterly absurd to  
lay down a narrow gauge line but  
narrow or broad it will never return  
a shilling to its shareholders unless  
the McDonnell & Muncrie pros vein  
in minerals. I don't believe in the  
Tombstone Mines a million of capital  
has been sunk there but not one mine  
has proved payable below water level. The  
whole country is a fraud from end  
to end Most of their "splendid pastoral  
land" is only fit to grow goats  
& even these hardy animals deteriorate  
while their "magnificent area of land

suitable for growth of tropical products<sup>n</sup> exists  
 only in the imaginations of people who  
 know nothing of the Country. Years  
 ago a competent expert who travelled  
 over the Territory at the request of  
 Holden Govt - I think it was - practically  
 reported the Country fit for nothing  
 where the soil was suitable they had it  
 sufficient rainfall & where they had the  
 rainfall the soil was unsuitable. I  
 ventured to call the attention of some  
 of the Anti Land grant people to this  
 report & was at once labelled pessimist  
 & unpatriotic. York Sept 1891

We are all quite recovered from the  
 effects of our 4<sup>th</sup> was splendid which  
 by the way was simply splendid even  
 little Ipen was allowed to  
 stampede it the shot birds and  
 fowls. The boys were delighted



I wish you could see them. I hope they have  
 quite an improving library. The last  
 I heard you and Mrs. Weston  
 of the "Aurora" by Edward Thompson  
 Selwyn is a delightful book even  
 for a former expatriate. If you  
 haven't got it you should add  
 it to your library for Dodo &  
 Chippis benefit. The Author who is  
 also artist (Govt Naturalist of Canada)  
 has a quaint sense of humor & is  
 full of love of animal life. Don't  
 forget to get the book. I can  
 imagine I see Chippis swimming  
 over it = Alice Sprague on  
 the 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. the wife of J.S.  
 Bradshaw Esq. of a day also =  
 Mrs. Lewis from Stotts yesterday and  
 kind regards to you & tell me  
 he is married again & very happy

I have returned in to Rochester is expected  
 health and Campbell has returned there  
 with his wife & family. I have heard  
 nothing of the old foreign for months  
 but I hope in touch with family  
 means of the "People's Weekly". I heard  
 some time ago from a brother in law  
 of his that he would shortly visit  
 another expatriate. Do you remember  
 his wonderful smile when returning  
 from Stotts taken with a couple of  
 boxes of provisions and coffee. I think  
 of him & he never had since a taste  
 in his life. I hope in the future  
 you may see him. I hope you  
 in proportion to his industry and you  
 see that I am in trying to  
 to bluff the Stotts and the  
 I am watching the Stotts report which  
 interest, the Stotts & good the Stotts

27<sup>th</sup> Dec 1888

Scrivens' special representation I know has your  
full sympathy in fact you proposed it ever  
so long ago but I have great doubt as  
to whether it will work well. If you had  
a Conv. or act based on the lines of the  
Commonwealth act there would be no necessity  
for this partial disfranchisement. I am not  
sure that entire disfranchisement would not be  
better than special representations: with special  
Tops there will be continuous agitation  
& every man who has or thinks he has a  
quarance will have his case thrust out in  
front. - The Commonwealth act is a good  
one - the best in Australia from every point  
of view - & unless it is administered in a  
narrow spirit there will be no half starved  
underpaid poor servants - Amongst other measures  
we get - three weeks annual leave for seafarers

Must close now. Best wishes for the  
new year. Hope I shall see you before its  
close. I remain  
Yrs. H. G.