

Stare
Munday Sept/98

My dear Spencer

I arranged with a fellow
in Adelaide yesterday morning
to post you the dates
containing an account of the
lecture which was, I am delighted
to say, a splendid success.

On Friday afternoon I handed the
press type written copies of the
lecture they had previously asked
me for to let them have copies
of my manuscript. The Advertiser
printed it in full. The Register
has boiled it down a bit &
left out some of the most
interesting parts but both papers

has been extremely kind - and
I am grateful - I speak for
that I have 15 minutes. For
the first half hour I was
horribly nervous but there
at the back of the hall when
was commenced, I feel that
my voice rang out clearly
from the beginning & every
word was heard without difficulty
I elaborated the original
statements and introduced a
little new matter here & there
that was well beginning to
fall fairly noise when my
watch warned me of your
advice - you will see from the
conclusion that I related it
in to them a bit about
the kind of encouragement to
scientific studies in Australia -
I wanted to say that it was a

plot upon young donors as that
is little attention was paid
to their matter but I was a
little afraid of the ministerial
eyes - If you read the Register
Subleader I can imagine how you
looked when you saw that they
spoke of us as "modest" &
"unassuming". Of course I am not
& I confess that I nearly fell
out of the frame when
I found myself so described - A
number of questions were asked at
the conclusion all of which I answered
with smiling (I smug) fluency
Tom looked at them I have since
heard that he pointed his attention to
alluding for the purpose of
"ringbolting" that b-y limajicer
Gellan" whatever that may mean
not a self laudatory speech ^{promissory}
with "let donors sit down" ^{from}

He addressed the crowd up by
telling them that he knew more about
suggers than anyone in Australia &
that he knew the singers of the
interior before I was born - He
has never been north of Strangways
Springs! I looked to him quite
good temperedly & to his infinite
chagrin did not reply to his
abominable although some of my
friends present were hoping that I
would castigate him. I thought of
you & didn't - I do wish you
could have been present the
audience were most enthusiastic when
I concluded & I was singing in
my own blushes. Numbers of the
leading people came up on to
the platform after the vote of
thanks & asked to see the various

implements & the photos all of
 which I had to explain &
 it was just 11 when I left
 the hall. Sterling sent a very
 nice letter of apology to the
 President as did several other
 prominent men. Stubby had a
 long standing engagement in the
 Country. The poor old chap has
 aged a good deal his skin
 growing for the time we spent
 a night at Mr. Lofly &
 my wife is quite in love
 with Mr. Sterling whom I was sorry
 to find looking so gray &
 worn - Your telegram did me
 much good I found it lying
 on the reading desk when I
 ascended the platform - I can't
 do justice to the subject in a

a letter to be in that direction
of your side the account
I at Gordon made a most
graceful speech wth supporting
the role of Thacker & reports
very nicely to our joint
work in which he said all
ambitions must take a fairly
substantial be produced that I
would be an extremely valuable
addition to Ethel's education &c
&c & I could have hugged
him - Whether the name
she scolded the wife is one
of the three Inspectors who control
our Education Dept
I for old days you'll find
this a bit disappointed but
possibly it suited the classes
of female teachers - but I should

you will expect a line so I
write. I am going to town
on Tuesday morning what Melana
has Wednesday last Fridays to come
The day next at this time I
shall be somewhere about
Ag. structural bridge. I hate
leaving the wife which but
it must be done. I feel
sure that the Govt will find
me a suitable appointment in
or near Town I have
already been offered the refusal
of W. Barton Station
I go to the kitchen but
I good wishes to Mrs Spencer
Yours faithfully
E. J. S.