

I am remembering a
time to Mr Horcut
my kind regards to know
+ let me know what he
says about the book

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of Alice Springs

15th April 1899

My dear Spencer

I have just finished reading
the criticisms received from you by
last mail & I know no word in
the language English or Aranda that
would adequately express my
satisfaction. They are simply
splendid & I like none better
than that written by Nicholson
who must have gone through a
course of reading to fit himself
for the job. He is an awful bore
but he is a smart journalist &
does his work well & thoroughly
Why oh why after my oft repeated
requests did you not ask Macmillan
to collect criticisms in duplicate

I want to have a complete set even if I have to go to Sit dome & Co. for it from the printed sheet. The first lot you sent I forwarded straight on to my Dept & it is more than likely that the two already purchased have gone into a book. I was especially interested in Long's article. The Chiriqua has always been my pet subject & when I am densely ignorant of its uses or appearance I shall feel a fascination for me & I determined to measure it. The book must be going well in the Atlantic Field work for 4 copies a fortnight ago. The bookkeeper reported sold out in Atlantic sending to Melbourne Field some a few days later for another four copies & Bookkeeper replied trying to show Colonial four copies coming this mail

two or three people have been interested in the reports to applications for books. So after all as my first lot was away which was to be me very acceptable though I am sure I hardly expect it - I will try to get a lot of them. I have to have started South tomorrow but my success depends on the mail journey which they are sending him through. Per baggy he will not be able to reach school time and the 20th is in place on the 18th. May be after that at the Clarence Hotel Adelaide until I go to St. Pauli. My Dept is now in today. The book is going to be published next week but about the return

in time to meet me at Clare or
Additude. I can quite understand
Norris's enthusiasm about the books
he writes me "I write now as I
hear you are leaving Central Aust
to express the very great & sincere
pleasure which I experience at the
very marked success of yours and
Spencer's great work in the Central
Austn Tribes. It is an epoch making
work and will place you both on
the very ~~and~~ foremost ranks of
Anthropologists. Sincerely I may say
that I could not have felt greater
satisfaction had I been one of the
Authors & I venture to say the secret
for "Ision" brave words this
letter will ever remain one of my
treasures. I should have liked a
line from Dr. Ision but I suppose

that I will have his opinions from
 you which by the way I have not
 for you have not mentioned his
 name in that connection. Powell
 sent \$5. for his Tahiti brothers.
 Stirling is hard at work on the
 Gallatana bones had not read the
 book when he wrote - It struck
 me that Macmillans had neglected
 to send the Bulletin a copy of
 the book since my note to you
 if they rec'd a copy it is remarkable
 that they have not even acknowledged
 receipt of the volume in their columns.
 The Advertiser of the Chronicle of Adelaide
 has not yet published a criticism
 & I am beginning to think that
 they have been overlooked. Milton
 leader of the Staff on these papers is
 a friend of mine he is said to

to remind of the abled journalists in
Chickland & he has told me that he
intended to review the book for his
papers. The review here is like the
Age and Melbourne the papers organ
so that is done by not getting a
notice from them & Sunday is here with
the paper were which I officiate.
frank to the terminus presented
Monday & rejoicing yesterday evening
today we are working through to
Adelaide & on the news was
the end of another repeating station
has more will quadruple the carrying
capacity of the line - Adelaide
reaching to my eyes & bring out
of order that I have done & tell me no
reading for me in the but my
private letters tell me that the

we is full of it that it had
funky in hand into the back of
the paper & now to an accomplished
full action in a year - This is
Kingston's opinion & in a few
days I am going to further my
regulation as also Director & I
am with a view to further
anthropological work & am going to send my
Monitor to allow view to determine the
value of Lab Prof. - The Nigger here
are really showing great concern about
my leaving they all want to clear
aff into the back for a long
spell when I leave but I have
printed out to them that no action
might take the new man & I should
to share with him for a week
I intend to to try & get a notice to
take and is finally in hand & will then
be off to Adelaide & will work

I am all eagerness to get away
but when the time comes for us
we go to leave I shall go with
regret & I don't mind admitting to
you that I shall feel parting with
the blacks more than with the whites.
I can't look forward to life at
Moulton amongst a crowd of narrow
Cousin Jacks with any degree of
pleasure but I shall try my level
best not to get into a groove & settle
down. If only the fates had given
me North Adelaide Station I should
have looked forward with pleasure
to the change. I feel too unsettled to
write more I shall be near Charlotte
Waters when this reaches you - My
kindest regards to Miss Spencer & love to
the boys. Remember me to Miss
Lambert who so kindly gave me that information
about Simon & the Ceratodus Sharkey's son & self.