My dear Spencer,

I just read some of your notes on a hurriedly compiled table of relationships of the Narungga, which table will have to be very carefully gone over again before I can vouch for its correctness. Tonight I am posting a copy of my notes, which I am afraid you will consider meagre and unsatisfactory although taking them as a starting point I am very well satisfied. You will be prepared to have something new about the totems, and I shall answer only look forward to your next letter to hear what you think about this (ne me) new phase.
man who did not look upon their customs as being ludicrous. Their beliefs needed the two oldest men now, unfortunately, away and return only after returning them. I might have got more satisfactory results. Started here trying to find something of a class system. Have again in trying to find instructions as to eating and to turn. You will be surprised to learn that they swear by all the Gods of the Mangi-ga. That there was no solemn instruction with regard to marriages that a Mangareva man for instance could not marry a Mangareva woman provided the non-baptised Maru — none of the young men knew the language, some scarcely a word of it, all except my
Heathen she are Christians & the Lord one has to address them. Mrs. de Wett asked me when shopping a rather comely girl I said, What is your name? Mrs. John Edwards. I felt set upon.

By the way while I think of it I forgot to mention in my letter that the Ixuana (north) people intermarried with Mountainie (South). The Mountainie (West) with the Nishtana (East). - Yesterday I dropped across a half-Caste man about 50 years old who is a Nates of Ross in the South, East of this colony, he appears to know a good deal about his bees & I gave him a cordial invitation to come & spend today Sunday with me but he has not returned as yet.
The Cecilians last week [and] I hope they reached you safely. I am sending you copies of Haldin's & Mallaire's times of yesterday containing Cecilianism in book. Let me know what you think of it. North Adelaide's new woman, I hoped to succeed has been compulsorily retired & the position filled by another man, so that my hopes of getting to the City have dimmed to zero, now it is not for the prospect of some ethnological work but because I should have felt the disappointment bitterly. I am almost home perhaps for Christmas day at Alice Springs again. - Well send along that medicine stuff and fellows. P.S. I am still loyal to the

Yours sincerely

[Signature]