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My dear Balfour

Don't forget that you are staying with me out here. We cannot in Melbourne offer you such hospitality as you can in the old country - at least I cannot - but we shall be delighted to have you with us & we are hoping that the domestic servant problem will not seriously interfere with the arrangements of the many people who have offered to entertain guests.

I am wondering whether you would prefer to have a quiet week end in Melbourne or go on one of the Excursions. Your only chance of having a quiet look

round the collection in the
Museum is on Sunday.

I would much like you to
see the plant from trees & the
tree fern pullias & so I am
trying to arrange for you
together with Hadden to be taken
up by motor car early on
Saturday morning to a place
called the Black's Spur. This
will show you the pick of the
fern forest & you can be back
again in Melbourne in the
evening & so have Sunday free.

The organized excursion to these
places returns on Monday lent
with a motor car you can see
all that is typical in the one
day. I would much like you

to see the material that I
have in the Museum & Sunday is
the only day for this. If you
would prefer to spend the week-end
up country please tell me & I will
arrange for you.

I must confess that on my
return to Australia it felt like
coming back to a very "one-hoss
show". However there are many
things out here that will interest
you. I am simply head
over ears in work so please
excuse my thin short note.

Kindest regards to yourself & Mrs
Balfour.

Yours very sincerely
W. Balfour Spencer.