The University of Melbourne.

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My dear Balfour,

How much

are you. We have not heard

anything you since "the day

you left but I hope you had a

good trip home & managed to do

something in winter.

I have had a very busy time

trying to make an annual report

of our work for this summer (your winter) in Melbourne

writing amongst other things a guide

to our Australian Ethnological Collection.

Do not be alarmed because your

box has not come. It has been

packed up for long but is surely

waiting until I can get it and

for your sake, collection.

Ever since the Association meeting
he has been away from Melbourne. He is in charge of a department that has to deal with "drought areas" - a thing you know nothing of in England. It is quite a mystery where the next is going to be. On the whole, the war is going to be a long one. It is not clear to me if it is far away. The nation in Australia who has never been away from this country cannot naturally realize except vaguely what it really means.

We are just endeavouring to get a tally of our sportsmen - football, cricket, tennis, golfers, etc. in order to get them to enlist. Last week we held a big meeting in Melbourne - I have no doubt that this meet will be a big sentiment. A man who sold a good account of himself who will not be trained will not be more quickly trained than the average man.

I wish that I was going enough with them to get them to the front but at 55 with few services like I have been liable to go at any moment. This is not possible. I am not able to subscribe to various funds try to get our University men to enlist.

Feb. 16 Your letter from Oxford came today. As you say the postal service
was much disorganised at the beginning of the war so we did not receive your letter from Carlin or Thursday Island.

I am very sorry to hear of the bad time that both yourself and Mr. Balfour have had, but trust that all is well with you now.

I am adding to your collection a few things that you may be glad to have, especially one or two stones found in the North Western Desert difficult to secure a few weeks ago. It is most comforting to know that thanks to a German missionary in Central Australia Dr. P. F. Lejeune has secured a great collection which might never have come into your hands. These German missionaries have been unfriendly to the Australian Government and have sent to Germany for copies of such things as we do not possess here.

Kind regards to yourself and Mr. Balfour.

I must sincerely hope that in the course of a year or two, when this war is over, you may come to understand what "Kultur" really means, we may remain most in your delightful home. Australia may have interested you very much, but you can hardly understand what it means.