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University  
Melbourne  
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My dear Balfour,

Just a line.

Yesterday for the first time  
since you left I was able to  
get Kenyon down to the Museum.

He has been away from  
Melbourne ever since the Brit. Ass.  
meeting & is pretty well worn  
out but though very tired just  
as enthusiastic as ever about "stones".

As I told you he has been in  
charge of the distribution of wheat  
in our drought-stricken areas which  
are much the same as if a German  
army had been over them. He  
has had to supervise the distribution  
of £600,000 to relieve settlers & is  
just about played out. However

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I have been writing in vain for Kenyon to come. He is away on a holiday + may turn up any day. Until he does I cannot make your collection complete because I don't know exactly what "stones" he wants to keep here.

I hope that by now Mrs. Balfour is quite well again. You must be having a very anxious time - it is bad enough not here but of course nothing compared with what it is in England.

I have nightmares of the Zeppelin's dropping bombs on Oxford. However they have done very little damage as yet + it is difficult to understand - if they are really efficient - the very slightest amount of bombs that they have done.

During the course of one or two years I hope to be 'home' again.

Much as I like Australia there is

in the course of the next month he is coming to the Museum with Mahony + will fix up matters in regard to the collections that are to go home to you + others. I am also sending you a few things of my own which you may be glad to have.

I will however wait for a few weeks until I see whether the former barbarian have ceased to have been made to cease their present idea of sending every ship to the bottom.

If by any chance they should come out on top which is scarcely conceivable then I think that I shall take the whole of the collection into some remote part of Australia or else show the whole museum up rather than let it fall into such barbarian hands.

no place like England & I look  
forward with intense pleasure to the  
time when I may once more  
see the old country. Let us hope  
that before that happens no  
German troops have landed in the  
old country. I don't think they  
will but the next few months will  
determine matters.

kindest regards to yourself & the  
Baltons  
Yours very sincerely

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