Melbourne.  
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My dear Balfour,

I have been very busy during the last year and do not remember whether I have written to you or not. In a few weeks you must receive one or two boxes containing certain things which I collected. Since packet then when I have learned that you have secured a collection of northern Austrailian things so that instalments may not all of our specimens will not be of much use. However these are a few to you.  

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individuals who are not at all anxious
to part with it. It is the same. Miss Wain is
now used for the performances more
than my evening.

I am certain I am very much
impressed with your magnificent
from first to last but it will be of interest
to you. Very typical of Australian
transport. It left

a good deal of it down, but I brought
with me a supply of this rechased
that which came off. I hope it will

steady a good state. As you will
see it will not be easy to keep it

in the rain.

I have a case
8½ x ½ x ½, filled with ceremonial
objects. Mission, Barrina, head
church etc. etc. which would
make a very

relishable souvenir. As a result of
for a new idea of native Australian
art an enamelled. I am now

reading over a chapter on the subject
the last which I am to be written
of our new book which will I hope be

in Macmillan's hands in about
the result.

I have finished the family
off to the seaside and am very
hard at work writing up my results.

It is only when you begin to do
this that you realize your ignorance.

However I do not think that
we could have done much more
than we did but I came with no
preconceived knowledge, and could do
much more if we could only

prosecute the same system again. However
it is not possible. The last

expedition added a good many
very hairy to my head or rather face
are my first experience of these +

another one might have been white.

The northern territory of Australia
is all very well if you have not to
work hard, but when the occasion
of winter makes you pretty sure that
the winter streams out of you I

can understand that work of any kind
is very difficult. Also you cannot get

native pottery, as in Africa, to carry
along soda water & champagne &

Mrs. Lucan.

It seems a year or two filler
I was to get away to study a
desert tribe out in the S.W. I take

eye. I wish that you could
come with us. We cannot promise
you much in the way of luxury but
you would enjoy it immensely when
you would enjoy it immensely when
you have really seen a savage
in his own natural surroundings you
can understand him in a way which
no amount of reading enables you to do.

What do you think of Haddani?

last book on Head hunters? Rith
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write me that the Cape York natives
had been "pulling his leg." I do not
think so. Rith is a very good man
in many ways but he does not
really know the nature when never
sit below the surface. He has
never seen an initiation ceremony
& all of the natives with whom he
has come into contact have been
civilized.

He is going on
publishing his bulletin when a big
Ivy material in hand. He works on
Same classification is really good but he has not had much chance
of getting information in regards to
'sacred matters'. However he is
carrying on a 'bulletin' dealing
with 'superstitious beliefs' or rather this
part of their which is to be issued
shortly.

Also I have been going through
the ms. of a magnificent work by
Hunt - the result of 20 years
more of concise and thorough work of his
which with this
one

Roth's new work I am pretty
well aligned and starting with
Australian ethnology.

I cannot think why the ceremonies
etc. if the tales with which I filled
myself have worked amongst seem
to differ so much from those
described in the history of Australia or
rather why we seem to get so much
more in the way of these sacred
ceremonies and can only think that
it is because they have been overlooked
I came across the dictionary a day or two after,

1853. I am instructed to walk with the stick. The stick

that you bring with you must

be black

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I believe that you are always, always, always, always, always,

put your cane in your hand, always.

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putting your cane in your hand, always.

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ago, since you + Bowes + Slater + little Brode + Jonny Bros + myself were working in the old lab, but it was a very pleasant time I wish that there I us who yet remain in the flesh could meet together for an evening. I have often thought over this really if any two men at home could communicate with those of us who are now scattered over the world it might be possible for us to plan a meeting. There for us to plan a meeting. Then if you were here at home and is constant touch with our friends but it would be a very great pleasure to us who are living in distant parts to have the chance of once more meeting old friends. If we had a long enough notice the original members of the 'Science Club' of 1885 or 1886 might come together. Think this over if you can possibly manage for such a meeting I will by hook or crook be present.

Yours very sincerely
W. Baldwin Spencer,