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Dear Professor.

Your last three letters arrived at the same time on Sep 15, and I was very pleased to hear from you. Mrs Cahill now mines a paper that has your lectures in and reads every word. We often talk of the times when you were here, and if you would like to be at Campelli, you can be sure that the wish on our part, is as great as it can be, to have you once more with us, and we all long to see you once more at Campelli. Thanks very much for the two bird books (Leach and Halts) which came to hand safely. We have been anxiously looking forward to the photos you promised. I am forwarding you two B.R. Kangaroo specimens, one of which is not much good. I had it on hand during the wet season, and the dampness nearly spoiled it. I have two females, but they are no good, so have thrown

them away. Later I will try and get you  
 two adult females specimens.  
 I have seen Arish <sup>Ungara</sup> ~~the~~ your two questions  
 and the answers are yes in both cases.  
 Ungara has two names; Ari-yeh and Ungara.  
 The old man with the lumps on his back.  
 Mirri-ew, died at Manjerook some  
 months ago. J. S. Beckett arrived here on  
 Sunday from Bowen Straits Station with  
 the late Campbells horses, and left this  
 morning. I fancy that the more Beckett  
 sees of the natives, the less he understands  
 them. His one ambition seems to be, to  
 impress on the natives, his own greatness and  
 importance. Mr Holmes is still here, having  
 arrived with Mr Beckett, but leaves on  
 Saturday morning in the Lone Hand  
 with me for Darwin. A survey party  
 are running a survey line along the  
 River bank, right down to Aller-wangie-  
 wan, with a view of putting settlers on  
 the reserve on the lower end. They are at  
 the present time, camped at Worrobeal.  
 Miss Mason wrote to us all, and was very  
 pleased with Campelli, Mr Cahill and Ruby  
 wished that Mr Mason could have spared



them a longer visit, she being the first white lady visitor that Oenpelli has had the honor to entertain. Miss Marson was the first white woman that Mr. B. or Ruby had seen for nearly four years.

I am still going along slowly, fixing yards and huts sheds etc, but am hampered at times, with the Surveyors; and requisions being forgotten when the boat calls. I have to find the Survey party in horses and shift or help to shift them with the team of horses when they desire to shift camp. All these interruptions will cease shortly, and I will be able to go ahead rapidly.

I have extended the back verandah, made it 14 feet wide and built a mosquito proof room on one end. Our Paw Paws have all died, but I have others ready to plant out shortly.

You would laugh to see Ruby sending lunch out to a lot of natives that were cutting fencing material. One item on the Bill of fare was, Stewed Goose in a five gallon drum, thickened with english cabbage, beans pumpkin, tomatoes, & potatoes, a real tip top stew, followed by a four gallon tin full of tea, and as a desert, Damper.

I had to put my foot down and reduce the amount of stew for the natives got that full they could not keep awake during the day.

I had a call from a small mob of Liverpool River natives, I gave them a few presents, and after a few days corroborating they departed, feeling very satisfied. Ruby has two little girls in the kitchen, learning them to be useful. When they go home at night, they stand at the door and bid us all good night, and the other night they broke us up by saying, good night gentlemen, to Beckett and Dr Holmes.

We have very few game this year on the Lagoon, too many guns about, and the game give us a wide berth. We get plenty from Ummerberlerts, also Red Lilly way.

All our stock are fat, and our garden looks good for another 3 months. We have Celery, Carrots, English Cabbage, French beans, Snake beans, Lettuce, Beetroot, Cucumbers, tomatoes, Water melons & pumpkins, So we are not starving at Ompelli yet. Mr Cahill and Ruby join me in wishing you every success and hope to see you shortly, With kindest regards from us all  
yours faithfully Paddy Cahill



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1. Do Kakadu ever bury  
 their dead in trees. Ungaru  
 told us one that he had  
 carried his father's Benogra to  
 a tree. Of course the burial  
 in row was in the earth.

Yes  
 P. Cahill

2. Does Mukalakki's 'straight' wife  
 belong to the group founded at  
 Kubarnbi by Muniorko & Japs.  
 She ought to according to what  
 they told us. became originally  
 Mukalakki was one of the men  
 taken to Muniorko's camp by  
 Pundamunga.

Yes  
 P. Cahill

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Can you please answer me  
 these questions?