

Queen Anne's Mansions, St. James's Park, London, S.W. 1
5th October, 1927.

My dear Spencer,

I return your proof. Few things in life could give me so much pleasure as such a dedication. So our names will go down linked together, yours, I am sure, to a distant posterity and it will carry mine with it; for your reputation rests, and will long rest, on the fundamental facts of human history which you have discovered and which, but for you, might have remained unknown. You have opened up, in my opinion, a deeper mine into the past of human institutions than any one else has ever done; the rest seem by comparison to be scratching the surface. I have worked at the products you have brought up from the mine, as hundreds of people are doing and will do for generations to come. I look forward with intense interest to the publication of your book, containing the mature results of your long investigations.

I cannot be too thankful that you have been granted the strength of ~~the~~ body and vigour of mind to carry them to completion, and I trust that you will be spared yet for many years to do more work for anthropology.

In a fortnight or so you will receive a volume containing some of the general results of my *Studies in the*

form of extracts from my published writings. There is nothing new in it (except a brief note on totemism on p. 363), but perhaps you will read over again some of the old passages for the sake of your friends. If you do you will see in the section dealing with Man in Society how much my thought has been occupied with the problems raised by your discoveries.

When do you leave for Australia? We must meet before you go. There seems still so much to think about and to say, I wish your book could have come out before your departure so that we might speak of it together.

My dear Spencer, I thank you from my heart for the honour you have done me.

I am
always your attached friend and thankful learner

James G. Frazer