

Goldsmith Building, Temple, London E.C. 4

4th November 1930

Dear Mr. Penniman,

I have pleasure in enclosing the proofs of my Spencer article corrected. You would have had them sooner, but after leaving Oxford we paid a visit to a friend in the West of England, from which we only returned last night. Of course I never thought of returning the proofs to any one but you, from whom I had received them. I have made a few corrections, so I am venturing to ask for a revise in second proof, which I hope you will kindly grant.

I should be glad to know when the volume is likely to be published. I have a special reason for asking, for I should like to include my article in a volume of collected papers which I am preparing, always of course on the condition the Clarendon Press and the editors of the memorial volume give their consent, and that the memorial volume appears first. I spoke to Dr. Marrett about this on Friday last at Exeter, and he very kindly said that he had no objection to my proposal and that he would use his influence with the Delegates of the Clarendon Press to secure their consent. My own volume is being set up in type, but it can hardly be published before the spring, say March or April. Do you expect the Spencer volume to appear before that? If I ~~was~~ ^{were} assured of that and of the consent of the Clarendon Press I would have my Spencer article set up in type in the

meantime, but would keep back the volume till after the appearance of yours.

Though the meeting on Thursday last was in a sense a very sad one, yet I was glad to be present at it and was and am very grateful to you and the Oxford Anthropological Society for inviting my Wife and me to it. Spencer's friendship was one of the very greatest privileges of my life and I am proud to think that I am to be associated with him in the memorial volume. In my opinion it is hardly possible to exaggerate the importance of his scientific work and the splendid qualities of the man which went to the making of it.

With very kind regards, in which my Wife joins me,
I am

yours very sincerely

James G. Frazer

This morning we received a very kind and touching letter from Mrs. Young.

My Wife understood from Dr. James that you are succeeding him in the Presidency of the Folk-lore Society. If that is so we hope that you will sometime come to see us in the Temple when you are in London.