

Providence Hotel.

3/3/41.

Dear Kilmurray

Thank you so much for those lovely roses + Carnations, they perfume my nice little room here, & 'catch my eye' as children & flowers always do.

I wonder what 'native subject' you would like to read when you go to Canberra. I have labelled all the 90 folios, but I think you would love the "Myths + Legend"; the "Initiation Chapters" + "The Totems". To me these three subjects gave me great pleasure + a big eagerness to collect + preserve.

I shall send a full copy of all the folios to John Murray (Publishers) for future publication perhaps, but when I get back to my camp life again, I am going to write about the "Spirit-Babies" - a lovely little idyll of the northern groups (W.A.). I must have the true bush atmosphere for this task.

I had a lovely holiday at Canberra + Sydney + have learned to speak thro' the telephones. Today (Sunday) Sydney rang me up! My first 'distance' telephone, + at Canberra I had to broadcast!! I wish these mechanical gadgets - I must try + see you before I leave for my camp. It was so sweet of you dear Kilmurray to give me those fragrant flowers. My dear love to you.  
Daisy M. Bates