

I can't read by writing
Can you?

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Incluse for your Mother

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Dearest - Kelsey -

What I like so much about you
all - those whom I've been privileged to meet & know -
is your thorough entry into the hard work that is
new to you all! Giving up your every hour to Service -
God bless you all -

Before I came to Adelaide in 1914. (I had just been
& have been just a passenger - as I was attending
the 1914 Science Congress, on the request, invitation of
some English Anthropologists who wanted to know "all about
the Aus. natives" at first hand? I had met several
splendid S. A. women in W.A. That was in Sept
1899. They had come there to visit & to do some
work given them. Clear & intelligent & of good
sound feeling - but their financial fortunes had been
lost in sheep & cattle - & they - not all, had good
& gave the first fine cultured British "to the"
West Australian women. The Karakatta Club was
founded mainly by them, & as I had met the mother
of one of these S. A. families before I left Eng. I saw
They met me in Perth & made me a Club member
in Sept. 1899. I only arrived on the 6th of Sept.!!
I have lovely memories of every one of them, &
Kelsey dear, is it not delightful to relive all
these memories & enjoy them as I lie awake on my
tent - stretches! & the memory of all of you who
were so decent & courteous to me - is as fresh as
was in the 1914 year & following,

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You are all so busy, + I can't get just the employment
 I'm most fitted for. I do so want to write a "Guide
 Book," or a book dealing with the natives - their
 laws, customs, groups, etc, etc. for the guidance of
 the ares that now go missioning up & down even
 try to find out the essential about the natives' true
 Social System generally.

At my camp at Ooldce (16 years there) I had gained
 full knowledge of the Central Groups - I used that with
 my natives - arranging the new groups as they arrived
 from their faraway waters, following the tracks of their
 predecessors. I never go back. A charming & quiet
 Bishop who had founded a native mission with h. n. s. called
 on me one day with his Chaplain. I we talked of the Customs
 & our - the most important in their System - & the most
 necessary for nursing men & women & kids - he had never
 heard of. I remember his sorrowful look & long silence. & he
 turned home & said: "Mr. Baker, I wish I had known that
 law 40 years ago!"

These laws & things - more everlasting than the heeds
 & Persians - I want to write up in a simple way
 that even a child can understand, but I can't
 get either the opportunity, or a body of men such as
 one fine fine - Federal members among whom
 was John Forrest. If John Forrest were alive & in power
 today, I should be having my little office near my
 job in Canberra, & be doing a big service for these
 Central natives & for the Govt. - because the less
 the Govt. know about the natives & the more money
 of the Govt. will be spent on fooling schemes.
 And so that - is of my mind thinking & I

shall laugh at 3 Hypocrites - over it & your
reception of it!

Where are you working America in Adelaide?
What a great chance there will be for good &
clever & wellbred Australians & British & Scottish
women & young people, to get families in America
in just the way that - Australians go home & meet
the best of our British folk. Such a gallery of lovely
men & women, pass before me as I write! From the
late 60's onwards! God bless their souls. I send my
prayers night & day to them all.

And my beloved friend Arthur died on May 21. (I only
saw the paragraph in the Advertiser of May 28th) & I am
still receiving his delightful letters. I the first
three visits from my Miss in March! & the premises
of his new & lovely house, the photos of which & the
description he sent me. I know nothing of the

cause of his death which must have been sudden.
Do excuse this Couplet, my vocal chords are beginning
to disappear - I have no more to speak to - My visits to
the dining twice weekly - are for my mailbag & supplies & I
very rarely ever see a woman tho'. I believe there are
four married women but I greet the new babies -
there have been three & each baby's Savings Box I send
5/- so the wee thing will be remembered by me.

Thanks for that Monitor & Decker's Articles in Heat
I loved it - as I love any thing of Decker's. I think
I was 10 years old when he died, but I had already
"met" him in print, as the grown ups were all
Dixonsians. God bless you - dear friend may
you have health & strength for many years - I always
see you working at some good thing! I don't remember
seeing you sitting down, by dear love! Offer my love to
all.