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Dear Mr Walker

Yours of the third of October duly to hand. I continue to be much indebted to you for the trouble you take in helping me to get every possible information relating to our unfortunate extinct friends.

I am under the impression that when I forwarded the glass measure I had asked my last question I am therefore only waiting for the replies which you are I perceive doing your best to attend to.

I am exceptionally ^{at} glad to hear that Dr Clarke has finished his paper on the skull measurements & that some copies are to be sent to us here. All anatomists in Europe & have had the impression that not all the skulls in your ^{museum} would eventually turn out to be Tasmanian & so the examination has evidently ^{proceed} & so one more question ~~has~~ been set at rest.

Dr Clarke has been fortunate in securing the assistance of Mr Harper.

I hope you will succeed in getting the loan of Mr Cottons collection to ^{have} like-wise measured by Dr Clarke. If you do this could you manage to get the measurements for first publication in my second ^{which} edition ~~for~~ I hope if all is well to get out next spring. As you

can well understand a little information which has not been published elsewhere will materially ^{add} to the interest of the book. Mr Bonwick

you will remember in his letter remarks that his information is at any rate at first hand. There are some skulls in the museum at Oxford & also in the museum of the hospital at Netley which Tylor hopes his ^{presence may secure in getting} ~~presence may secure in getting~~ measured for the book. There are I think

four unmeasured skulls in the Army museum in Dublin which Professor

Haddon will try to get measured. So far therefore all is well.

The portions of hair you refer to will be welcome.

The Robinsons referred to in my last are from Halifax and therefore not in any way connected with Robinson of aboriginal fame .I will write to the Bishop and see what I can get out of him in the way of information about the halfcastes in the islands .

Thanks for promise to look up the vocabulary in the ^mCourier of 1828 .Thanks too for the arrangement you have made for the curator to visit Miss Fanny Cochran Smith .

I presume the paper or remarks on the stone implements of the aboriginals will by now be on its way .

Since I last wrote I have been looking up to see what can be done to issue in the appendix a Tasmanian vocabulary, but even if this be done or rather be prepared the publishers may decline to print ~~on the score of~~ on the score of expense, however there is nothing like trying .

with kind regards

Yours very truly

Wm Lins Rutter