

To John Harpaves

Home Hut

Native Flora Reserve

Alice Springs  
N.T.

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~~P.S. If you hear any interesting  
Captura Science Congress names do  
let me know. You should~~

Dear Zabulla ~~have been there!~~

I am too stupid, from heat exhaustion - (+ some worries associated with it - chiefly) to be even sure of the spelling! (two b's? + one l? b's as I have it.) That shows how tired I am. And I forget if I have thanked you for Xmas handky. If I have not - then I do now.

I have the first (Xmas) card you sent me (1956 or 57? I think?) on my "dressing table" (a <sup>packing</sup> case).

It is of a "Elen Helen Christ Sun" by Albert N. The card is "the worse for wear" of course. (That shows what a devoted grandmother you have!!!)

But this was a scolding letter when it started out! So now for it! (Hadluck wrote to me just before election + said (inter alia!) That was

2 a very "scolding letter" you sent  
ME "!(the capitals are of course mine)  
And so it was meant to be!

\* AND SO IS THIS TO YOU \*

How could you allow that rotten  
Parasite on the aborigines

Douglas Lockwood put you  
in his rotten (lying & defamatory  
often) book - "We the aborigines" ?

Take away the splendid  
photographs - there is nothing  
But lies

AND Roman Catholic propaganda

Have you become one R.C.?

(I see Ted. Evans, a drunken sot  
as well as "Popey" took the one  
of you!) I must find out who  
Frank Tolra photographer is, or was  
do you know? Have you read that "book"?  
It is dedicated to Harney - apparent  
ly

3 I should think, <sup>that</sup> Lockwood could  
steal some of his notes & use them  
there. (He seems to quote parts  
of Harney's verses too, without  
acknowledgement that they are? Or  
he is copying Harney's style?)  
I look on Lockwood as an  
enemy of the full blood & a  
liar. I ~~think~~ <sup>think</sup> unscrupulous (? spelling again!!)  
(I am going to get it  
bought for me — so that  
(if I survive the heat?) I may  
(in the winter) be able to "unmash"  
him — (in several cases) as a  
deliberate liar using magnificent  
photographs (in some cases) to  
"get away with it". (People I have known  
well)  
I am — in a way, sorry I  
saw (+ read part) while I am so  
"at the end of the tether". It has upset  
me.  
6 or 7 years drought in success  
— 10% is too much. Especially when  
one will be 80 on St Patrick's Day  
(so appropriately).  
I was pleased to receive

4 your "Kind regards" per Mr. Faul.  
Senior Dentist.

I like him. — He must be  
one of your "cobbers" — as he said he  
was going out to Bartely & Tablelands  
(to do work on the aborigines) on his  
return & would not be down here  
until (about May — I think he said)  
Bwt I asked him to try to come  
down in April.

(If you are a <sup>real</sup> friend, <sup>not just friendly</sup> so can  
say such things) — Tell him I  
have reverted to the 1930's "warriors"  
as my overhanging top gums hurt (with  
his) & I am too "under the weather" to  
really give them a fair trial "at  
present". So they too were in a box!

I think he told me you  
are in Cornhem land, at present.  
Hope you are not finding many new  
lepers?

~~Don't help Lockwood.~~  
~~again.~~ ~~Or I'll cut you off my~~  
"grandson's list".

Warm regards  
& best wishes

Yours Sincerely  
"Abulla" *A.M.P.*