

Ethnomusicology Section

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Mrs. Janet Mathews,
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Dear Mrs. Mathews,

It is many weeks now since I received your last letter. Time seems to be flying a little quicker than usual.

I was indeed sorry to hear from Mr. McCarthy about your husband's illness. Also that you had not been well. I hope that there has been a general improvement and that things have become less burdensome for you.

Since my move here I have had to make two trips to Canberra and am now preparing for another trek north. So far I've had very little time to renew my acquaintance with Melbourne!

Yesterday, Mrs. Hercus called to see me and later we were able to attend a lecture by Dr. Capell. He has come over from Sydney for two days to give a series of talks at Monash and Melbourne Universities. Mrs. Hercus told me that you are still keen to carry on with recording and I only wish the "field" was a little more productive in your part of the world.

Recently I heard from Mr. Boydell of likely singers in places such as Brewarrina and Woodenbong. Singing by some of them has already been recorded by Dr. Calley many years ago. I think I have sent you a few samples. There is still a considerable amount of material of one kind or another to be salvaged from northerly places in New South Wales but probably a little beyond your own territory. If it can be worked into my forthcoming itinerary I may try to cover a small area myself within the next few months but much will depend on the chances further north in Queensland.

I hope you can manage to make that trip to Melbourne before long. We may be able to discuss things more fully then.

With regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,