

Melbourne,

Port Phillip,

Sept 20/49

My Dear Bishop of Sydney,

We have just been
informed by letters from Sydney
of the very severe affliction,
with which it has pleased our
Heavenly Father to visit you;
and although I am well
aware that, under such a
circumstance, no human
friend can administer any
spectacular consolation; yet
I cannot refrain from

Yours faithfully

The Lord Bishop of Sydney.

addressing to you these few
lines as the simple expression
of my dear wife's, and my
own, sincere sympathy--
May He, who alone is able,
strengthen, and comfort,
you by the consolation of
his Holy Spirit; enabling
you to look beyond the few
short years of this mortal
life, and to realize the blessed
prospect of a reunion to
glory with all those who sleep
in Jesus at his appearing
and kingdom! We thought

of what my own sense of desolation
would be, if the Lord should take
from me my beloved partner,
broken my heart need for
you: but I know, that He
is faithful, and will not suffer
any of his people to be tried
above that they are able;
but will, with the temptation
(or trial), make the way to
escape, that they may be
able to bear it. He gives grace,
and strength, according to our
necessity. -- You do not need,
that I, your younger brother

in the Lord, should remind you
of the evidence, which the child
of God have in their Father's
love, & tenderness, towards them
even in their heaviest sufferings.
I would only express my fervent
prayer, that you may now
possess an actual experience
of this; and, in the midst of
your natural sorrow, enjoy that
spiritual peace, which the Lord
Jesus bestows upon all his
faithful people.

Wm Perry
& her sister unite in kindest
regards to yourself, & daughter
Lilla, my dear Bishop of Sydney,
Your faithful brother
in the Lord,
P.C. / Dr. [unclear] answers this note
C. Melbourne