

Melbourne, April 29/57.

My dear Bishop of Sydney,

We were very thankful  
to hear of your safe return home after  
your long journey. - God has indeed  
been gracious to us both, in enabling  
us to accomplish our various duties  
and preserving us from all serious  
accidents. - I do very deeply sym-  
patize with you in the loss of  
that beloved companion, who has  
used to welcome your return, but  
whom you will no more see on  
earth. - Blessed however, be God! those  
who sleep in Jesus shall not be  
separated from one another for-  
ever. - A little while, and they shall  
awake together to the enjoyment  
of a blissful eternity in the company  
of one another, and of their Lord.



May you, my dear brother, be cheered  
and strengthened, by this thought!

I have not forgotten my engagement  
to pay you a visit, if God permit  
by the steamer in the latter part  
of September; and my dear wife,  
& Miss Cooper, will have much pleasure  
in awaiting the arrival of your  
kind invitation for them to  
accompany me. If any  
particular subjects for discussion  
with our brethren should occur  
to me, I will write, and mention  
them. I think I attended, when

we met at Albany, to a Church  
Act, which Mr. Moore, my Registrar,  
was preparing. In the expectation  
of "separations" taking place last  
year I asked him to consider

the subject with reference to this  
Society. He did so accordingly,  
and he had a cordial ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> confer-  
ence together upon ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> subject;  
but he has now determined to bring  
the ~~subject~~ matter before the ~~present~~ <sup>present</sup> Council;  
so that the Act,  
if passed, will affect all our three  
Societies. He will submit a  
copy of it, as soon as he can  
get it printed, to your Lordship's  
Registry for your consideration.

I have written upon the  
painful subject of Messrs Russell  
& Beaman's on another sheet  
of paper, which I enclose with  
this.

What a difficult matter,



