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My dear Coleridge

Having so recently written to you by the ship Margaret, which conveyed the Bishop of Tasmania from these shores, I have nothing very important to form the subject of a letter. But it is necessary I should at any rate inform you of my having forwarded by the "Haine-Castle" a package containing the Picture which I described to you in my last. Let however this communication should outstrip the former I may say, even at the risk of troubling you with a twice told tale, that Mr Conrad Martens an artist, and really a well-affectioned Churchman, informed me he had no money to give towards the erection of our cathedral; but if I could turn a picture into £10 he would gladly paint and present one. My reply was that I thought many persons would willingly give such a sum for such an object, and for the sake of a picture at the same time. Accordingly he sent me

his performance which is now forwarded to you. The  
Bishop of Tasmania declares it to be well worth the price  
demanded; so that I am sanguine in my hope that you  
will obtain it. Some years ago, when there was much talk  
in England about persons who had been once convicts  
obtaining incomes of £8000 or £10000 a year (which was  
after all mere moonshine) somebody mentioned this to  
Sir Robert Peel, whose reply was, What do the fellows do  
with their money; do they encourage the arts; do they  
buy pictures? If he should ask you, you may say,  
Not much: but if you can recommend this picture  
for Sir Robert's own purchase, we shall be proud to  
take his money. Should you obtain that sum, pray  
be so good as to pay it in for my this year's subscrip-  
tion to St. Augustin's: and I will make good the  
same amount to our Cathedral fund. We have raised  
nearly £1600 this year, and mean (as many at least  
of us who live so long) to continue the same during four  
succeeding years, which we hope will bring our work  
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to a state nearly of completion. By the "Margaret" I wrote  
to the Archbishop of Canterbury on the partition of the Diocese,  
also to the Rev. Edw. Coleridge, Rev. & Ernest Haastings,  
and Mr. Justin Coleridge on the same subject. I trust you  
will send us my coadjutors two zealous men, strong in  
mind and body, "without partiality and without  
hypocrisy." My College is going on well. Encouraged  
by promising appearances, I have ventured to engage  
(but only from year to year) a most excellent and  
appropriate house at a rent of £150. It is my hope  
and trust that we may obtain that ~~sum~~ from friends  
in England. The remaining expense, about £200, year  
we shall raise among our doors. We have 12 or 14 stu-  
dents, and all very promising. St. Augustin's will  
be our model: therefore pray be so kind as to send  
me from time to time detailed accounts how matters  
are to be conducted there. Most sincerely do I hope  
you will see Sir George and Lady Gipps, who will come  
of course to Eton to see their son, and afterwards to  
Canterbury

Canterbury where her mother resided, and they are  
in the midst of his relations. He never flinched from  
his duty; and pretty nearly broke down under the enef-  
sant labour and harassing attacks which he had to  
endure. But there was in his case that which reminded  
me of the Spouter's words "though our outward man  
perish, yet the inward is renewed day by day." In  
moral feeling he improved surprisingly. Fierce opposition  
on the part of others begot amenity in him; and he left  
as cured of many of his radical impressions, "a sadder  
and a wiser man". Lady Gopp is one of the most  
amiable and excellent of persons. From them, if you  
should see them, and from the Bishop of Tasmania  
who will come to you as soon as he reaches England,  
you will hear all about us; how we are, and what we  
are doing. I have lately conversed with a Mr. Parker  
who tells me he had seen you in good health last March.  
But with that exception I have had no news from or  
about you since August 1845. Believe me to be  
most truly your affectionate friend W. G. Australia