

will it be safe to put these books, without any beacon to
point out hidden dangers, into the hands of "the
unlearned and unstable"? This is a question which I
do not feel myself competent to answer: But let it not
be neglected, for there are, in the present state of religious
feeling, fearful possibilities involved in the reply. I may
include in my list of thanksgiving (which I would
willingly extend if it were possible to every donor) the
names of Sir John Richardson, Mr Justice Coleridge,
Rev^d J. Cornthwaite, Mr Edw^d Bellasis, and J. A.
Baker of Oxford: not omitting the Rev^d E. C. of Ston
22. Rightly some of Coe's may furnish
ample food for the appetites
of future Australian Bellesonne.

So far as I know his system, which
however is chiefly from Mosheim, I very much incline
to it: though it is very possible that he may have pushed
it to extremes. But you will not thank me I fear for
these dissertations. Let me therefore change them for
something more à propos in saying that I have not
neglected, nor will I forget your request relating to the
Minerals and Metals. We are not very rich in these
in this Colony, but combining the resources of Van Diemen's
Land and New Zealand, probably something may be done.
You may be assured I will set in motion all possible engines
here then and everywhere within my sphere of action.
and truly gratified shall be if it be thus in my power
to give the slightest testimony of the gratitude which is
owing to you from myself and the whole Australian Church.
I am writing to Dr Keble (and I hope to his brother also) by the

This opportunity; and therefore will not trouble you with perhaps
to them: but will confine all the good wishes, which myself and
family can send by this conveyance, to you and yours. I pray
and trust, for the sake of your happiness, that Mrs Coleridge
continues well; and that your children are growing up with
good health, good principles, and good abilities. My own two are
very good girls; and constitute a great portion of my happiness.
Their advantages of society and instruction have been few
and interrupted, owing to the state of wandering and exile in

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which they have been placed from so early an age. As one is now
19 & the other 17, the future disposal of them cost me not a few anxious
moments. But as I have not wantonly or willingly put myself out of
the way of making provision for them I repose with the most entire
confidence in the Providence of him who clothes the lilies of the field.
"Secure whatever He gives He gives the best." You will not fail to
give my dear wife's love and regards to Mrs Coleridge coupled
with mine. Whether we shall ever tread the shores of England again
and be enabled to say thus much in person I cannot tell. I see no present
prospect; and think it wiser not to perplex myself with uncertainties.
But whatever may be ordained for us I pray that you my dear Coleridge may
pass through life as happily and usefully employed as you now are: and be assured
that I am always your very sincere and devoted friend W. G. Australia.