

Perry Hall -
Mar 16th - 1897 Bendigo -

My Lord

I am writing to thank you for
your kind letter of congratulation about
my men. I have sent a short account
forth to the Argus and The Age which will
appear tomorrow or Wed. And the
Dean has asked me to write a notice for
The "Mercury".

Some one has been suggesting me to the
Dean of Sydney for the vacancy at
Moore College, and he has written to
Archdeacon Langley ^{inquiring} ~~asking~~ about ~~me~~ ^{me}
and ~~inquires~~ ^{he thought that} asking whether I would
be disposed to accept the position were
it offered? - The Archdeacon sent the
letter on to me. And I have written
to the Dean by this mail to ask

for some particulars about the place -
I am not at all anxious to leave this
diocese, but the future of the Hall seems
so uncertain, that if I am to go on with
the present sort of work, Moore College seems
lacked of proper scope and facilities for
doing so -

The loss of Long fully & California fully -
(Which Mr Brewer is now taking ^{about} ~~quite~~ ^{re-}
fractures the grant of £100 made by the
Bp in Council - And even if now some
other ^{compensatory} arrangement could be made; any
future change at St Pauls might lead
to the loss of Golden Square which stands
in exactly the same relation to that
parish as Long fully to All Saints &
~~there is such an~~ ^{with} ~~element~~ ^{of} uncertainty
about our future. That I naturally feel
restless - Two of my men now are

quite capable of reading for the Cambridge
Preliminary - But I feel that I can hardly
persuade them to forego their approval
to take up a two years course - if there
was the possibility of the Hall collapsing
in ~~less~~ less than that time -

My aim all along has been the establishment
of a small Theological College, with a
three years course - and the C.P. as final
test, which would give our men the
same training and the same status
as St Augustine's or Highbury at home.
But present position and prospects, seem
to afford no permanent basis of
operation -

I have no idea what the financial
position is, but I presume they have
buildings, and I hear there is a
small endowment - so that
I should think there would be

More likelihood of making a good
thing of that, than of building up
a similar institution here.

I thought it due to your Lordship to
write at once about this. The
offer has not ^{yet} been made & we
nor have I definitely applied
but Mr Deans letter certainly
seems to imply the likelihood
of such an offer being
made -

I have the honour to remain

Your Lordship's Obedient Servant

J. Jones