

Melbourne,

December 19/49.

My Dear Bishop of Sydney,

I was so grieved when
your last letter reached me,
which is the cause of my delay
in acknowledging it. With regard
to Mr Russett I am truly sorry,
that his last unadvised act
has deprived him of the solace
remaining to our penitents.

I can now only express my
earnest hope, that the Lord
may sometimes visit him the
suffering which he has incurred
and overrule all that has befallen.

The Lord Bishop
of Sydney.

joined to the Westward furtherance
of the Gospel.

It was my intention to visit
Portland, where the state of the
Church is very unsatisfactory,
in the beginning of February;
but I shall willingly defer my
journey thither, in order that
I may meet your Lordship
upon the Murray. I shall
accordingly hold myself in
readiness to set out as soon
as I receive an intimation
of the exact time, where you
will be at Albany; which is,
I presume, the place intended
by you. The later in the season

the more agreeable it will be
to me: for I cannot bear heat
at all well, and am obliged to
take great care of myself in
this particular. I must not however
prolong my absence so much
as to prevent me from spending
Papa's week in Melbourne. I
your Lordship will oblige me
by informing me of your
projected movements as soon
as you conveniently can: for
I am obliged to make a short
journey to the Westward, ~~which~~
its extent will depend upon
your communication.

Mrs Perry begs me to convey
to you her thanks for the
Memorial of your late lamented
wife, which you have been
so kind as to send her, and
which she has just received. -
What a privilege it is to be assured
that those dear ones, who have
been removed from earth,
are now asleep in Jesus, and
that he brought with him all
his suffering again in glory! -
May we follow them, as they followed
Christ! - Believe me to be,
your dear Bishop of Sydney,
Your affectionate brother
in the Lord,
C. Melbourne.