

MOORE COLLEGE: BROUGHTON PAPERS

Broughton to Coleridge, Easter Tuesday 1851 (Syd - received 20/8/51)

It seems there is a Vessel on the point of departure for Madras by which it is probable Letters may reach London earlier than by the regular route. I will therefore write, although it must be briefly, to let you know a little of our proceedings. And first, as to that which may chiefly interest you, the Australasian Mission. Our Committee has completed the purchase of a Vessel called the Border Maid of 120 tons, well spoken of by those who are judges. The price is £1200: of which our Sydney Subscription furnishes £1000: and for the remainder I draw (as authorised by him) upon the Bishop of New Zealand: who will charge that amount (£200) upon the fund provided by his friends in England. I have also reserved to myself a discretion to expend £50 additional of your collection, to provide any thing further which may be necessary for accommodation or safety if upon examining the vessel we find any deficiency existing. This I trust our devoted and earnest brother will be provided with means of proceeding on his great Mission, somewhat more satisfactory to his friends and well-wishers than the very little craft in which he has hitherto made his circuit. I expect the Bishop of Newcastle to be with me early next month to confer upon subjects of mutual interest connected with our Dioceses, and to make provision for the management of affairs in his during his absence. The only drawback upon our perfect contentment is the visitation which Providence has been pleased to send upon the happy family at St John's College in the death of their last-born child, the little girl on whose birth her father was so happily and continually expatiating when he was here last October. But I doubt not he will feel this but an additional stimulus to fix his hopes more and more upon objects which cannot fade. I have good accounts of the Abrahams.

With us at the present time we have the Bishop (Designate) of Lyttelton and Mrs Jackson with two sons on their way to England for his consecration. They have been here a week: and will remain my guests till they find a suitable

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Vessel for London; which this is the least favorable time of the year to furnish. But I am thankful for myself and still more for the Church's sake to have him here. We make him work: but indeed he does not need making; for he is earnest and willing. He is apparently gratified, and certainly not less astonished at what he finds the state of the Church here to be. In fact he says we have already done to a great extent, that work which Canterbury is founded to accomplish. Last night he preached a Sermon on behalf of our Cathedral: and we were all very thankful to shew him such a congregation. Tonight we have a Meeting of the friends and Subscribers when his presence will do much good: as he is an eloquent and ready speaker: as you may perhaps know better than I do.

My purpose is to send to the Abp of Canterbury through you (if you will permit) my Letter Dimissory (if that be the proper term) surrendering our right as Provincial Bishops to consecrate our brother that is to be: the angel of the seventh Church in Australasia. I have neither time nor space to say more than may God bless you and yours: and above all the Church of God: over the sad condition of which I lament with an earnestness which almost takes away the remembrance of my own sorrows. Believe me to be with unfailing regard your affectionate friend, W.G. Sydney.