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My dear Mrs. Archer,

I must write to you this time for doubtless you have been expecting to see me arrive from day to day. Well now I must inform you that to my sorrow the Bishop has prevailed on me to stay until after Easter, and I must put off my visit to Victoria. Shall I find you still at home then? I hope so and as full of health and happiness as I ever pray you may be. Now here is another matter I want your help and advice about. You may remember my saying that I was trying to establish an order of the Sacred Heart for contemplative nuns and that I had a community waiting in Sydney. Well one of the community who has had to visit Tasmania on a/c of a small legacy is now at Launceston and having suffered very much from dental neuralgia and lost her front teeth has been advised by me ere she returns to Sydney to run over to Melbourne and put herself under Rodwayⁱ partly because of his skill and partly for the sake of economy. Now if I give her a letter of introduction to you will you kindly find her some quiet respectable and economic lodging while she remains in M. Remember that tho' she has been five years in a convent and is practically still a nun yet as my order is not recognised her religious character must be incog. She will bring you a letter of introduction from the Bp as well as from me. She is niece of the late Bp of Cork herself and was formerly a great friend of the Mrs. (Dr.) Ryanⁱⁱ I met at your house. I hope Gracie and Maggie are well and give them and Sir William my love and I send you all my blessings.

Yrs most try. in S. Heart.

Fr. Julian.

ⁱ . Frederick Rodway - Dentist, 138 Collins St., East Melbourne. (*Sands and McDougalls, Melbourne Directory, 1876*)

ⁱⁱ James P. Ryan - Physician, 166 Collins St., East Melbourne. (*ibid*)