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Forbes, Lachlan River.
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Dr. Sr. Wm,

Your two very welcome letters reached me almost together tho a considerable time intervened between their respective dates. The reason of this is that I do not live at the address you put on yr notes. I only have all my letters and papers addressed there and there it is where I keep all my books and papers. Whenever I am in Sydney (which is seldom and never for long) I lodge near that address or at the Club at either of which you can always find me. Union Clubⁱ Sydney N.S.W or 220 Albion Street Surry Hills, Sydney, the latter preferred as I get my letters quicker. Your last but one was an exception owing to my having left no address where to forward until last week.

Let me answer your notes first and then to your news and mine. First of all I am doing what I can about those spiritual jottings, but only a few lines now and then. But I will be a little more active only I told you that there must be a little delay. You shall have them however soon. As to the scientific papers, I will send all on next Wednesday week, June 6. I am to be in town (for 24 hours only) to give a lecture at the Royal Soc. or rather to read a paper on "Timber Forests of Tasmania."ⁱⁱⁱ There will be time in the interim to drop me a line saying if you want a list of all I have done or only what has been done lately. The papers on the living fossil corals of extratropical Australiaⁱⁱⁱ I can hardly send as I fear it will not be ready.

You will see by my paper on the Tertiary fossil corals which is illustrated by myself and which I will be able to send you, that I have been able to rectify errors in paleontology^{iv} by Professor Duncan^v the President of the Geological Society — errors which he necessarily fell into from describing species from a few and imperfect specimens. This will also show how very important it is to us to have our work done here for us by our own men. Did you get a copy of the census of Tasmanian shells?^{vi} I told them to send one to you direct so that if you did not get one I will send another. I am also preparing an essay on the Tasmanian Marine fauna^{vii} which is nearly finished. The greatest mistakes are made by naturalists at home as to the habitats of shells, urchins, etc. We are credited with exclusively tropical forms of corals etc. so no wonder they think the Australian fauna peculiar. I will give you more information when I send the papers.

Now about myself. I am at Forbes on the Lachlan 3 days journey from Sydney. I am giving a mission. Next week I shall be doing the same at Parkes 25 miles further on. Then I return. I never, as I told you already, stay in Sydney but always continue giving missions. I find I can do more good that way than any other. I see very little of Dr. Vaughan.^{viii} I think I have only seen him once since last November. I like him very much but I found that to be near him only exposed me to a good deal of jealousy as he seemed to make too much of me. So I quietly keep moving and do my work. The fact is that I seldom see any of the clergy except when in their parishes to give missions. The Bishops are all very kind and are glad of my services so I don't ask any more than to keep to myself and do my business. The greatest kindness they can do me is to let me alone. Now as to yourself. I am more pained that I can express that you are not restored. You will smile at my sanguine hopes when I say that I confidently hope to see you yet restored. Well: we shall see.

But I know full well that our dear Lord will be with you whatever betide. This is our Blessed Mother's month and I know you love her dearly and I am thinking how her love will watch over you in this and every other difficulty so that all shall conduce to the work she will especially charge herself with, that is your sanctification. All works together for good. You will look back and see it all by and by as I have seen and still see some of my most trying afflictions. God will bless you and yours wherever you are and it is my daily prayer for you all. It will be no news to tell you that you are daily remembered in the Holy Sacrifice. Will you give my kindest and most affectionate regards to Mrs. Archer and Gracie and Maggy^{ix}. Miss O'Keefe^x still teaches school at Waverly about 5 miles out of Sydney and does pretty well I see her occasionally.

Yrs as ever most truly in S.H.

Fr. Julian.

ⁱ Union Club, Bligh Street, Sydney, was founded in 1857. Its name was chosen because it was hoped that the Club would be a place where members of all political parties could meet without any display of rancour which then undoubtedly existed between "Tory" and "Liberal". Its patron in 1880 was His Royal Highness, Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., etc., etc. The entry in the "List of Honorary Members", 29th November, 1877 shows the Rev. J.E. Tenison Woods of South Australia introduced by Professor Liversidge (of Sydney University) for honorary membership for 14 days to 14th December (no fees payable) and as "up for Ballot". Fr. Woods paid his first subscription on 13th February, 1878 and thereafter every half year until March, 1883 and again on 13th Dec, 1886 after his return from the Straits Settlement. As an officiating clergyman he was exempt from the Entrance Fee £25 and paid only half (£5.50) of the ordinary annual subscription. (Roy H. Goddard, *The Union Club, 1957-1957*, Privately printed, Halstead Press, pp. 1-3; The Union Club, Sydney - Fees and Subscriptions Dec 1861 - August, 1879, Cash Book (Receipts) April 1877 - April 1890, List of Honorary Members October 1875 - April 1879). It is interesting that in his letters of 10/1/78 and 29/1/78 Fr. Woods had directed Archer to address his mail "Australian Club, Sydney"

"The Australian Club was instituted in the year 1838 for the purpose of facilitating the social and literary intercourse of individuals resident in the colony, and for the general interests of the country gentlemen by the formation of an establishment where they could meet in Sydney". Membership was EXCLUSIVE being decided by ballot with one black ball in five excluding. The entrance fee was twenty one pounds and the annual subscription ten guineas. Rev. J.E. Tenison Woods is listed as a member in 1878 and Most Rev. Roger Bede Vaughan, D.D., was a member from 1874." (Rules and Regulations of the Australian Club, Sydney, 1878)

ⁱⁱ "Tasmanian Forests, their Botany and Economical Value" *Jour. Roy. Soc. N.S.W.* for 1878, Vol. XII, pp. 17-28, 1879. (Read 5th June, 1878)

ⁱⁱⁱ "On Some New Extra-tropical Corals" *Proc. Lin. Soc. of N.S.W.*, Vol. III, pp. 131-135, 2 plates, 1879. (Read 26th August, 1878)

^{iv} "On the Extratropical Corals of Australia" *Proc. Lin. Soc. of N.S.W.* Vol. II, pp. 292-341. 3 plates, 1878. (Read 31st December, 1877) "Professor Duncan has with great care extracted all the corals referred to as Australian from various works... This list as I shall show hereafter... gives no reliable information. Naturalists have had a custom of noting as Australian all the species that were found there. This would convey no more information than if a species were labelled African". (p. 292).

^v Peter Martin Duncan (1821-1891) an English medical practitioner carried out research in Zoology and especially in Palaeontology. Elected a Fellow of the Geological Society in 1849 he was its President 1876-78. The author of numerous scientific papers and scholarly and popular books, he was also a Fellow of many other learned societies. (Dictionary of National Biography, Vol. X, pp. 593-4). In 1875 Woods wrote that Dr. Duncan's "kindness and industry in attending to all my communications on the subject of Australian tertiary fossil have led to the

great progress which Australian Palaeontology has lately made". "On some Tertiary Fossils from Table Cape" *Papers and Proc. R. Soc. Tasm* for 1875, pp. 13-26. Tasmania 1876 (Read 9th March, 1875)

^{vi} "Census, with Brief Descriptions of the Marine Shells of Tasmania and the adjacent Islands" *Papers and Proc. R. Soc. Tasm.* for 1877, pp. 25-27, Tasmania, 1878. (Read 13th March, 1877)

^{vii} "The Molluscan Fauna of Tasmania" *Journ. R. Soc. N.S.W. for 1878*, XII pp. 29-56. Sydney 1879. (Read 4th September, 1878)

^{viii} Archbishop Roger William Bede Vaughan (1834-1883), an English Benedictine monk, after a distinguished and active service in the Church in England, was in 1873 consecrated Bishop and arrived in Sydney later that year. On the death of Archbishop Polding in 1877 he became Archbishop of Sydney. An able administrator and an ardent opponent of "godless" secular education, he worked for the establishment of an alternative Catholic system of education. He died in England in August, 1883. (A.D.B., Vol. 6, pp. 327-329)

^{ix} Maggy was not an Archer child but shared in Fr. Woods' affectionate wishes with Mrs. Archer and Grace in the letters of the 1870's. However, in the letters of the 1880's love and blessings are sent to Mrs. Archer and Grace only.

^x Miss Isabella O'Keefe had a ladies' school, "Kotska" in Cowper Street, Waverley. (*Sands, N.S.W. Directory, 1880*)