

Letter 1

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6 Fitzroy Terrace,
Sept. 1, 1866.

Dear Mr Archer,

I should like much to spend another evening with you before I leave and if you meet me at St. Francis¹ after last Mass tomorrow I would go out with you. At any rate let me know if you will be at home. No more at present from yours truly.²

J.E. Tenison Woods

1. St. Francis' Church was the first Catholic Church in Melbourne. After three years in a temporary chapel, Mass was celebrated in the new (unfurnished) St. Francis on Sunday, 22nd May, 1842. It was October, 1845, before the building was completed. In December, 1970, the National Trust of Australia gave it an "A" classification for It "remains the only central city public building dating from the era before the gold rush still standing on its original site, still serving its original function and still retaining its original form". (James Tough - *A Short History of St. Francis' Church, 1839-1979*, pp.6.10 and 61).

2. This last sentence is in shorthand

