

Fragment, undated,¹ dictated but signed.

. . .He has gone up to the New England mountains for a change. I thought I should have one of my pamphlets ready for you by this time but these celebrations about the centenary have taken our tradespeople entirely away from their labours. I don't know whether you saw those contributions of mine which appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald. The Government is to reprint some of them as soon as the session is over and I will reprint the rest.

By the way, do you know that we have a rising young scientist among the clergy, a Father John Milne Curran² who has made microscopic mineralogy and geology his favourite studies. He has been a pupil of mine from the beginning if I may use the expression, since I never took pupils to instruct but I mean I lent him books and specimens and directed his studies to some small extent and he is now a very promising and gentlemanly young man. I will send you some of his work which is really of a high class.

Well now I must conclude and will hope to hear from you when you have got the particulars for me that I mentioned. I send my love and blessing to Mrs. Archer and Gracie. May the light of the Holy Ghost illuminate us forever.

Yours etc.

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1. This letter was probably written near Pentecost (reference to the Holy Spirit), 1888 (celebrations about the centenary).
2. John Milne Curran (1859-1928) A geologist of note he lectured at the Sydney Technical College. He won the Medal of the Royal Society of New South Wales and £25 prize money in 1891 and again in 1896, and his book, *Geology of Sydney and the Blue Mountains*, ran through two editions. Relations between Cardinal Moran of Sydney and Curran were far from cordial but he was supported by his own Bishops. (*Abel to Zundolovich*, Vol. II, compiled by Fr. T.J. Linane, pp. 115-116).