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Dear Jones

Please send by return
my Dale on the Atonement
as I am in immediate need
of it.

What is this rumour I hear
of you thinking of returning
to England? Is this the man
who wrote such an imploring
letter to me, saying how
much men from the older
Universities were wanted
out here? Is this the
man whose life has
been saved by the climate
of Australia thinking of
sacrificing his wife, children
and self on the island of
fog & east wind?

Is this the man, whose
health having been restored
& his influence of extensive
good having begun to be
felt, thinks of returning
to a land where he
is not wanted, & where
there are crowds of men equally able to do the work he contemplates!

THE GREAT JONES is known throughout this diocese, he is known in various parts of Australia, he is known

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as the man who has put his hand to the plough of improving the preparation of candidates for Holy Orders:
Can it be that he is turning back?
He has been much blessed in the past, he has had much to do with the awakening of spiritual life in twice dead Bendigo. What his usefulness in the future to this God forgetting community will be we cannot say.
My glorious Jones pray for the grace of stick-to-it-iveness

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Cox will perhaps give you 2 years to live if you go
to England. You are evidently quite unaware how far the mischief had gone in your lungs. If it were not for this I should not say so much against your preposterous project.

When are you coming down to see us?

With my very kind regards to Mrs Jones & yourself & our united protest against your new ides

Yrs [lag] obviously

Wm. Carey Ward