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Honeywood.ⁱ Huon. 6.1.76.
(but direct 103·Macquarie St., Hobart)

My dear Sir William,

By this time you have surely received my monograph of the "Tas. F.W. Shells".ⁱⁱ I may be able to send you some other little prints of mine or bring them as it is my intention to go to Melbourne very soon. I am finishing up my mission in the Huon district and will go home to Launceston where a 15 days jubilee mission will finish or nearly finish my work in Tasmania. I shall not have very much time to spend in Victoria but the bulk of that time I should like to spend with you. It will be the end of Feby. however or even in the month of March before I can get to Maryville:ⁱⁱⁱ will it be there then? If so I trust our sweet mother will keep you and all that are so dear to you and to me until I can come and make one of the household. I am getting on famously with Spicer^{iv} - he and I are great friends for I have made a good botanical harvest while rambling about here. I wish you were with me, for I could I am sure interest you and it would be an immense relief to have anyone who could enjoy with me what it pleases me so much to discover or observe. And all the while I am giving a most successful mission^v which I have received 18 converts into the church. Is not our dear Lord good to me.

I hope Mrs. Archer and Gracie are quite well. It will be such a pleasure to me to see them and all again if only for a few days. We will if you like go into the question of the Polyzoa and publish our joint paper.^{vi} A line any time within a week or so will be time enough to answer this. I enclose a cryptogamic puzzle.^{vii} The name I will give you when I see you. Mount it for the microscope.

God bless you and may the blessing of the S. Heart attend you all this New Year.

Yrs most try in the S. Heart,

Fr. Julian.

If you see the Archbishop^{viii} at any time you may mention casually that you expect me as yr visitor soon for a rest. I nearly forgot Maggy but I send her my most affectionate blessing.

ⁱ Now Geeveston.

ⁱⁱ "Shells (Freshwater) Remarks on the Study of" was printed in *Papers & Proc. R. Soc. Tas.* 1875.

ⁱⁱⁱ Archer's home - actually Maryvale.

^{iv} Rev. William Webb Spicer (1820-79) educated at Oxford (B.A., 1843; M.A., 1848) was rector at Harts before coming to Tasmania in 1874. As well as writing on botany and economic etymology for the *Proceedings of Royal Society of Tasmania*, Spicer in 1878 published the meritorious *Handbook of the Plants of Tasmania*. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Tasmania from 1875, he was elected Member of the Council in 1877 and was made a Corresponding Member on his departure from the Colony in March, 1878. After his return to England with

his health failing, he became Rector of Itchen Abbas near Winchester. (A.D.B. File, *Papers and proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania*, 1879, Obituary p. 11 and Marcus Hurburgh, Botanic Gardens, Hobart Private Correspondence, 1/10/1983).

^v On the frame over the door in sacristy of the Catholic Church at Geeveston is written in pencil:

Xmas Day, 1875, 184 persons received Holy Communion in this Church.

		Communions
Dec., 1874	First Mission	472
Dec., 1875	Second Mission	1160
Mar., 1876	Third Visit	541

Confirmed at Honeywood by Bishop Murphy, March 12th, 1976, 13
(Other writing is rain stained)

The whole is signed - Fr. Julian.

^{vi} Julian mentions the possibility of a joint paper with Archer on the Bryozoa (Polyzoa) as early as 28th November, 1863 (the first extant letter to Archer) but no such papers appear to have been published.

^{vii} An early classification of the plant kingdom divided it into Phanerogamae (all flowering plants) and Cryptogamae (all non-flowering plants). Hence the "cryptogamic puzzle" could have been a moss, a liverwort, a fern or a conifer, etc.

^{viii} Archbishop J.A. Goold — Archer writing to Goold in Rome had been at pains to stress the virtues of Julian, who was spending some time with him en route to Tasmania "We are greatly edified by his daily life at our house ... He seems to have grown wonderfully in the spiritual life" 22.6.74.