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W.H. Archer, Esq.,

My dear Sir William,

Your letter was a very welcome one to me for I began to have misgivings about your long silence. We won't say any more about the literary commission I gave you to fulfil. I thank you very much but I am past doing work of any kind<sup>ii</sup> and even dictating very necessary correspondence is somewhat trying to my present powers. I thank you for your kind and thoughtful enclosure. It will be a sufficient pleasure to know that it was timely aid. Two years prostration by illness had exhausted my resources and latterly my infirmities have prevented my adding to them in any way. I hope you may never know the thousand and one demands that medical aid makes upon the resources of a patient who has little faith and less hope in all these helps. God bless you my dear Archer. Though severely ill somehow or other it is with hopeful confidence that I say "*Resurgam*".<sup>iii</sup> I am cheerful and happy and I am sure I shall be so to the end. Give my best love and blessing to Mrs. Archer and Grace. It will be a real kindness if you will drop me a line soon again for a few letters are the only reading I can indulge in at present. Yours in the S. Hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Fr. Julian.

Pray for me.

"as dying, and behold we live"<sup>iv</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> Only the signature and addenda are in Father Julian's own writing.

<sup>ii</sup> A letter to Julian from Birdsville, dated 16th April, 1889, and a "piece of calcerous substance" was sent on to Museum in Sydney to be dealt with as he was beyond such exertions.

<sup>iii</sup> "I shall rise again".

<sup>iv</sup> Written in Greek. This quote is part of 2 Cor.6:9 which reads in full "as unknown and yet well known: as dying, and behold we live: as chastened and not killed".