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Dear Eric,

I am sorry to be a bother and the very last thing I want to be is unhelpful to you either. But, as Jeremy may have told you, I had a three quarters of an hour interview on the telephone yesterday with a group of five electors from the Province of Victoria and the Diocese of Melbourne. I think I may now be a firm candidate, though the position on priesthood of women is difficult. But there are very serious questions which I now have; though I want to pursue it, because there is great work to be done that for the Catholic cause. - Anyway the only time in the next few days that the Arch-

because of Malvern and I can get to get on the telephone in one 'swack'
on Friday afternoon, and time; when I can meet Bill at Storrington. It is
important to talk before they make a decision about me, and so I really
need to be released from that meeting, ^{which} you would like me at. - I am sorry,
as I like being at Storrington and also with you. (as they say!), but it
is extremely hard to time things so that I get the Archdeacons at his home,
and not in his public office. - Of course nothing may come of all this,
but they seemed enthusiastic yesterday and I think I was straight about
the priesthood problem without ruling myself out. What can be had be up to?

Hope the newspaper article didn't hurt. It said some truly right,
nice things.

Yours ever

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