To Abraham Davy.

Hobart Town, 11th Nov., 1837

My dear friend,

Abraham Davy,

Our friend Ritt. Andrew Mather being about to leave for Sydney in the "Ichabod," I feel unwilling that he should fail to be the bearer of a single line to thee from J.H. or myself, lest thou shouldst give way to a feeling as though thou wast at all forgotten by us. I believe I may safely say, on our joint behalf, that thou hast been much in our remembrance; we have felt a little disappointed in not having received more definite information as to the manner in which thou art getting along; our last accounts having left thee involved in many perplexities, from which it would be pleasant to hear thou hast been relieved. In a letter from our friend J. Fawell to D. Wheeler, just received, thou art alluded to rather agreeably, as "getting pretty eveny along." I hope it may be so in the fullest sense; that thy concerns may prosper in all respects, so far as prosperity may conduct with thy highest interests, of the Will of Him who knows what is best for us, it therefore often indeed generally, dispenses a portion of bitter
along with even his choicest blessings. And certainly, my dear friend, to feel that our chief hope and trust are anchored in Christ; that while thousands are blinded to their real, highest interests, immersed in the cares and pleasures of the world, finding their highest enjoyments therein, we are permitted to see, by that Light which is an emanation from deity, in what our highest welfare consists; this ought to be more, incomparably more, than an equivalent for the portion of suffering that may be dispensed to us; especially if it be the means of making us cling more closely to the Source of help, or adopt with increased fervour of soul the appeal — “Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life!” I have often found this to be the hallowed result of the most painful dispensations; under the sense of which I have been ready to exclaim: “Let not thine hand spare, nor thine eyes pity, until thou hast made me what thou wouldst have me be; only, grant me thy unfailing support! let thine everlasting Arm be underneath, otherwise I must inevitably sink under the least of thy fatherly corrections.” I have often felt, (particularly of latter time), that if we are but permitted to attain to the least place in the
heavenly kingdom, we shall not have reason to wish
the path had been a less troubled one; that had
been the means of conducting us to so glorious an
abode, where sorrow and pain shall flee away, the
tear for ever be wiped away from our eyes.

Yet in the midst of troubles, that seem sometimes
ready to overwhelm, this not being the purpose of
our gracious Lord, "lest we should be swallowed
up, as it were," with overmuch sorrow; it pleases
him to dispense a gleam or two of sunshine amid
the clouds; sometimes by the Manifestations of
his Presence, in a more eminent degree than
usual; or at others by mitigating the circumstances
that have occasioned our trouble, especially if they
be from an outward source. And thus, I would
hope, it may be with thee, in the midst of thy pre-
sent perplexities; that our dear friend R. A.M.'s
visit to Sydney may be the dawn of a more propi-
tious season to thee. I shall be glad (should it
prove to be a right movement, which you must
yourself seriously weigh, seeking Divine counsel
therein) that you may see your way to blend together
in your secular pursuits, in which I trust you will
be helpful to each other; if, amid all your endea-

endeavours to earn an honest livelihood, "the kingdom of God. This righteousness be the principal things
ought, then I should have no manner of doubt that you
would also be made a mutual help & a strength to each
other in your religious course, encouraging each other
in a faithful adherence to those testimonies that may
be given you to hear, & letting your "light to shine
before men, that others seeing your good works may
glory your Father which is in heaven." In such
case the promise would also be fulfilled in your expe-
rience, (if it is all that a Christian can with safety
desire, much less set his heart upon attaining of
temporal things) "All things necessary shall be
added."

I shall not enlarge, as A.A.M. will be able to
 impart all needful information. Indeed I hardly
know what I was going to write about; yet felt hardly
easy to omit, at least, assuring thee of our Christian
regard; but the ideas I have thrown before thee, unspec-
cially opened out as fast as I could well pen them. May they
be blessed to thy encouragement by Him who alone can
inspire the good thought or prompt to the good action!

And that His blessing, through the riches of his
mercy in Christ Jesus, may rest upon thee, and strengthen thee for every good word and work, is the desire of,

Thy affectionate friend

Geo. W. Walker