

May 31st 1841.

Dear Brother,

We received your kind letter on the 19th of February and were very much interested in the account which you gave of your journey to your interesting sphere of labour, and of the temporal and spiritual condition of the flock over which you by God's Providence and mercy have been appointed the overseer. We rejoice that the Lord has granted you full purpose of heart to devote yourself to his service and that you are striving to advance the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by making known to the benighted heathen the only way whereby they can be saved from the wrath to come. We have great reason to render the tribute of praise and thanksgiving to the great Head of the church; when we consider the condition of the heathen world years back, and compare it with the present accounts which we receive of the great desire for spiritual

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instruction, the number of those who have embraced the Gospel, have been admitted into the church by baptism, and are now enjoying priviledges in some places almost equal to our own. When we consider that these are now in the various Stations of our Society about 66,493 attendants upon Public worship, of these 4,603 are communicants and that including adults there are 35,396 enjoying spiritual instruction in the various schools established in the Stations maintained by our Society; we ought to thank God and take courage. For who can estimate the value of those schools out of which many children may arise and by God's grace be the means of disseminating through their own land the glorious Gospel of God our Saviour. We unite in prayer with you that this may at length be the effect of the blessing of God upon the labours of his devoted servants in every part of the world where they are sowing and watering with their teers the precious word of truth. Perhaps (you) will hear before this reaches you of the success of the labours of our Missionaries in New Zealand. It has exceeded the most sanguine expectations. Numbers are daily seeking instruction and upwards

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of 27,000 are already blessed with the means of grace, and the only cry is "Come over and help us". The harvest truly is great but how few are the labourers! We pray that the Lord may incline the hearts of some of the clergy in England to join the small company of preachers in that delightful sphere of labor, and that the sun of righteousness may arise and shine upon that land with healing in his wings.

A Mission has been commenced to the Teloogoo people and the Rev Mr. Fox a graduate of the University of Oxford, and the Rev Mr. Noble of the University of Cambridge have been sent to form a station there. The Rev. C. Greenwood has been sent to join the Rev. Mr. Oakely in his labours at Kandy Station, Ceylon and his friend Johnson to the Nellore Station –

Two of our German brethren have been appointed to extend the Abyssinian Mission to the inhabitants bordering on Shoa, which is to be called the East Africa Mission. Brother Rhodes with Rev Reynolds and the only remaining two of our German brethren expect to sail for Sierra Leone next Autumn. We forward this epistle to you by our brother Cowley who will supply you with all the particulars of the

condition of the Institution and of the expected departure of brother Hames and his partner for India. It is our earnest

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prayer that brother Cowley may find you in perfect health and that by your mutual cooperations you may by God's grace be enabled to persevere in the important and responsible work in which (you) are engaged, and that you (may) ere long find the work of the Lord prospering in your hands. For we feel persuaded that God will make good his promise in his own appointed time and that if we faint not we shall in due time reap an abundant harvest. We desire an interest in your prayers at the throne of grace that we may abound in the fruits of the spirit and in earnest desire for the salvation of our perishing fellow-creatures. And we trust that we shall not cease to make mention of you in our prayers that you may be abundantly blessed in your own soul with all grace sufficient for your day; and that the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ may animate your soul under all the trials and difficulties in your course to a heavenly Canaan. Finally brother we commend you to the favour and protection of God our Father, and to the grace of our Saviour Jesus Christ who is able to Keep you faithful until death and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding great joy.

I remain, on behalf of the brethren,

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

Enoch Reddall.