

of J. Stowe Mr Lowell, sent me by the 1st of the 10th to New
-Haven in a "Relief Mission", & with her, but in, & returned, going in
a week or two in the "active", with a letter do me good for the Society. He has
received a fine and little more than 16 and 1/2 years without need fresh.

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My Dear friend

The old adage "out of sight, out of mind" will,
I am obliged to confess, sometimes obtrude itself into my
mind; yet I cannot bring myself to believe that we are
forgotten. But why has so much time elapsed since we
have been indulged with a line from you? The last is
dated July 5th 1820!!! and there have been repeated opportu-
nities thro' the Church Missionary Society, independant of the
Post Office. You can little conceive the anxiety with wh^{ch} we
have watched first the signals, then the ships, & lastly the post
office, here, for months past; but not a single ^{letter} from any friend
have we obtained since the 4th May. Sometimes our expectation
has been raised by a mistake, and at others by letters only
of business, i.e., from some of the Societies. One of which tells
me of £150 worth of books placed at my disposal by the Society
for promoting Kn^{ow}ledge, in answer to an application wh^{ch}
I made to them in Aug^t 1820. I expect them daily, as the
vessel in wh^{ch} they are, was left at Rio by a ship wh^{ch} arrived
here fourteen days since. The Sunday School Union has been
equally prompt. The books are nearly half distributed.

Our new Governor, Sir Thomas Brisbane, is
at length arrived. We literally expect soon to say, "old things
are passed away, & behold all have become new". It is fully
expected that the system hitherto carried on, is to be instantly set
aside; the prisoners are to be differently managed: and those
who have been convicts are to occupy their proper place. As
far as judgment can be formed, from the evils of the present plan,
good must result from a change. For in the discharge of our
indispensable duty, i.e., particularly, at the Governor's table on

Public days,

being obliged to sit beside men of the most immoral description. It is very surprising that Governor Macquarie, who is a man of apparent strict moral conduct, & even considers himself religious, should have so strong an attachment for Whoremongers, & adulterers! But the three greatest favorites are of this class. and altho' they have no more to introduce to Mrs Macquarie (But they have all one or more women, besides children) yet they, themselves, are much admired as guests at Government House. Consequently whoever is invited must submit to such company. and an officer cannot with propriety refuse an invitation; except from indisposition. It is, in point of fact, an order, rather than invitation.

We have nothing here but wars! It seems out of the reach of possibility for every Christian man to be quiet. I think I told you of a promising Committee we had formed to assist Mr. Marden in managing the C M concerns. We seemed to go on very well for awhile. It was however for a short season: for suspicions were fomented, & as a consequence all confidence fled. Capt. Irvine, lately from "Calcutta", & intending to retire from the Company's service, to settle here, as his health failed him there, ^{having been requested to act as Secretary,} required Mr Marden to furnish to the Committee various accounts belonging to the Society. Mr. M. - having been so long in the wars, suspected, from various circumstances, that an enemy had by some means set him on. He therefore refused the accounts, but offered, for the satisfaction of individual members, to allow us to inspect, Mr Campbell's, the Merchants, books; who transacts all the Society's secular business here. This was rejected; & a tone, & manner assumed by Capt. Irvine which increased the suspicion ten fold. and after two or three discordant meetings we dissolved the Committee, & took the books, & papers from ^{him} as far as we could obtain them. There are two or three long circular papers, written by him to the Committee, the last I think of eight fol. pages. I should like much to know if they are received by the Society. From some instance, & I fear, an unfair one, he has kept them back; but the last of them he says he forwarded: This was written in reply to one of mine proposing the formation of an Auxiliary Socy. I fear he has not sent those papers because they would show him too plainly. or if they are sent, I fear they are mutilated. He is a man of learning; and I believe of piety. But he is a speculative Scotchman!!! I cannot say that I think him to be a wicked man; ^{but} he has acted very wickedly. The minute book &c were sealed up at the breaking up of the Committee & they are sent home to the C M Socy by this opportunity. If Capt. Irvine has no sinister

intention, he is one of the most perverse, obstinate, & self-willed men I ever met with. If he has been deceived, by any one who wants to make a tool of him, he will not leave it in the power of any one to undeceive him, except it be done as he may please to dictate. As Sir Brisbane has advised, & has secured Mr Marsden of support, I hope we may get an Auxiliary Socy formed. I cannot help feeling confidence that the Established Church will obtain good by the change. Governor Macquarie has latterly been very friendly to the Methodists. Two of the missionaries, ^{Young Men,} have had their brain so turned by these attentions, that they are acting with open hostility: and, I am informed, have sent the Calvinists to Hell, or at least one of them has. This is the modest man who praised himself ^{by name} in the Imperial Magazine. I hope you have obtained the insertion of my reply to that article. Mr Leigh, the senior Missionary has, I believe, written home making serious complaints of their irregular conduct. I make a point of avoiding names, in order that none may have real cause to be offended; without keeping back, for fear man should be offended, any of the distinguishing doctrines of the Gospel. The ministerial duty here is very arduous. I every day feel more, & more, my ignorance & folly. Yet it is a comfort to know that it is by the "foolishness of preaching," that God is pleased to save them that believe: therefore I hope he will be pleased to turn my folly to the eternal wisdom, & salvation of some of his Elect.

It has been stated that Governor Macquarie has promised secretly, to give up to Mr Lacy the Native Institution, of which I am Secretary. And a few weeks since he laid the foundation stone of a Catholic Chapel, which is building by subscription. He professed to be married to both these sects. Therefore this friendship can only proceed from some anti-sectarian motive. Perhaps animosity to Mr Marsden. Or it may be worldly policy that he may ^{have} a good name among these, as he is subject to such severe censure for his great neglect of the churches.

Sir Thomas is to be sworn in on the 1st proximo: and Gov Macquarie is to leave for England in abt two months.

My poor wife still continues in a very weak, & uncomfortable state. I am often quite at loss what to do. "a wounded spirit, who can heal?" saith the wise man. Her spirit is wounded; her mind oppressed; and the enemy has succeeded in persuading her that ^{she} has never been converted; but that all her profession was only hypocrisy. What fools are we to believe Satan so readily! and so perversely refuse to take comfort from the word, promises, & oath, of the immutable God! Lord increase our faith. You can scarcely conceive what I have had to endure for the last six months. Yet still I can raise an Alleluia! But I want grace to be more grateful for my manifold & matchless mercies.

I hope this will find yourself, Mrs Saunders, & your dear little ones all well. I should much like to see how the "Blue branches" thrive "around your table". Were it so with us, according to my wisdom, things would be better with us. Yet there is a small difficulty in the way of this supposition. Gal 84/11 - also Rom 8/32 - Lord help our unbelief!

I did promise to send you some reports, perhaps I may have a more favourable opportunity, by a day; or if I can send you a few by this I will do it. There is a man of the name of Laper gone from here as Delegates, from "the emancipated Colonists" - i.e. from the Convicts who have received unconditional pardons. Should you hear of his endeavouring to ingratiate himself into the favor of any of your friends, ^{pray warn them in confidence} w^h might be the case from a desire to know anything about this Colony. He has contrived either to be rich, or to be thought so, in a very short time. And if we can judge ^{of} his effort to cheat King Pomare, he will not be very nice in the means he uses to accomplish his objects. He is a man of ability, & learning. Very soft spoken: can preach, pray & speechify! You will most likely hear of his attempt on King Pomare. I should think this the London Missionary Socy.

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To Mr. Isaac Saunders
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London



Rev. Mr. Hill
relative to the Rev. J.
Madden & Capt. Irvine.

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his game will be sound abroad. The profit he charged was only 200 @ 300 p^{er} cent and a commission of 5 p^{er} cent on the whole. Mr. Madden was obliged to step in between the King, & this religious rascal. By w^h he recovered from him £1200 - but could not prevent him having that enormous profit. It is in these acts, that he necessarily increases his enemies. Laper is, I believe, at the head of Methodist Missionary Socy. - his colleague, or ^{as delegate} named Redfern, a man of considerable professional skill as a Surgeon. He was a Surgeon in the Navy, & sent here for the Mission at y^e Mar.

Pray remember us kindly to all engraving friends, Mrs. Hill joins me in Love to you all - and believe to be
Yours very Affectionately

Redfern was the Governor's Medical Attendant
Laper has never been introduced at Government House, but must be a great favorite for his enmity to Mr. Madden

Richard Hill