

(Copy) Church Missy House London
June 7/17
Secy to Mr John King

Dear Sir

(Sent June 9/17 by Revd Mr Gyles)

I have before me ~~received~~ 3 letters from you

To Mr Wilson dated July 4/15

To myself dated Oct 28/15 & Jan 25/16

with a Journal from ~~Jan~~ July 9/15 to Sep 28/15

We are ~~not~~ ^{not} satisfied with the spirit ^{which} of your letters, they are ^{manifest} ~~filled from the beginning~~ ^{too much filled with} to the end of complaints of your brethren, your situation, & all around you. It looks as if you had not counted the cost before you went, & speaks ~~badly~~ ^{as if it reflects} but ill for the state of your own mind. We can hardly conceive that any circum^{stances} ^{could justify} call for such statements as your letters contain.

We cannot possibly take notice, in our letters to your brethren, of ^{your} ~~your~~ ^{observations} ~~statements~~ ^{against} them. If they have fallen into any open & habitual sin, bringing reproach on the gospel, it is your duty to state it fully & particularly, ^{only but} in a proper spirit, "considering thyself lest thou also be tempted", & then we can act upon such statements.

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If their failings are merely those infirmities of
temper, which are incident to our common nature
even when partakers of the grace of God, we would
say "bear ye one another's burdens, & so fulfill the
law of Christ"

We speak plainly, because division & separation
among ~~the~~ brethren ^{professing to labour for the good of} ~~among~~ the heathen,
next to open sin, is the greatest evil that can affect
a mission, & ~~it~~ gives Satan our & common
enemy his greatest advantage over us.

We are aware, while we say these things, that ^{you}
have been labouring amidst many difficulties,
& privations, & need those advantages which we
enjoy in a Christian land; but we feel obliged,
~~to mention~~ by the faithfulness of Christian friendship
& the situation in which we are placed, to give
you our views of your communications

Do not, however, fail to write to us fully,
from time to time, & communicate to us all
that is ~~in your~~ ~~hand~~ paper. Our friends are greatly
interested in all that is passing around you, & you
cannot be too minute in your details of the superstitions,
habits, & customs, of the natives. We are glad to see

that you have mentioned various things of this kind
in your Journal, & some of which we shall probably
insert in the Register.

With every good wish, & with prayers to the great
Head of the Church to keep you united, faithful, disinterested,
& laborious, & self denying in his cause I am

Your faithful friend
Joshua Patten

P.S. We have not an opportunity of sending the things
which you request now; & indeed, we would
recommend you to ^{obtain} every thing you can from
New South Wales, as it is very inconvenient
to us to send out ~~very~~ goods &c to our Settlements