

Rev. & Dear Sir

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~~Rev. Robert Cartwright to the Rev<sup>d</sup>~~ Ans<sup>d</sup> Mar 12/18 by the Isabella

I have lately received a letter from Mr Kendall at the Bay of Islands wherein he requests me to introduce to your notice Mr Will. Carlisle, a person whom I had the pleasure some time ago to recommend to Mr Marsden, for the work of the mission at New Zealand. Mr Kendall writes in high terms of him, saying that he is <sup>likely to be</sup> particularly useful in teaching the children and in visiting the sick, and expresses his thankfulness to me for sending him such a fellow labourer.

As I am persuaded that every thing which tends to magnify the grace of the Redeemer will be thought worthy your notice, I shall attempt to give you some account of Mr Carlisle and his friends, and in doing <sup>this</sup> flatter myself I shall best satisfy the wishes of Mr Kendall.

Mr Carlisle came to this colony a free settler, with his first wife's father — Gordon & family, about 13 years ago, and soon after their arrival they settled upon the farms which were allotted to them by Government in the district of Richmond. Mr C, being a single man, took up his residence with Gordon who had a son & two daughters. Soon after my arrival here, I became acquainted with the eldest daughter who regularly attended divine service both at Richmond and Windsor, and soon convinced me that she was an earnest seeker of salvation. Finding at length our attachment to the Gospel disapproved of by

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her friend she formed the resolution of going out to  
service & engaged to come & live in my family. Bro  
Cartwright however who had previously formed an attachment  
to her, prevailed upon her to remain at home, and  
they were soon afterwards married. Bro though a  
moral character, was at that time unacquainted with  
the gospel and aware to its precepts, which became a source  
of much uneasiness to his wife inasmuch that I was informed  
she repented of the connexion from a consciousness that she  
had not married in the Lord. She was however very  
faithful to her husband, and when she could not prevail  
upon him to unite with her in her devotions, she told  
him, that this was free from his blood. In this course  
she persisted to the last, and a short time before  
she died she told a friend of hers that she hoped her  
death would do what her life could not effect, which  
the event proved. Poor Cartwright was for some time  
miserable, having discovered when too late the  
treasure he had lost. Her example however still  
lived in his remembrance and loudly admonished  
him to attend to the things which belong to his life  
and I believe he has not been disobedient to the  
heavenly call. Bro Cartwright died in the early  
part of 1813 and left an infant daughter to lament  
her loss. Since that time, having observed the  
conduct of Bro Cartwright to be uniformly correct, and  
perceiving the divine change that was wrought in him,  
I judged he would be an acquisition to the N. E. Mission  
and at length ventured to make known my opinion  
to him and to urge him to engage in the work.  
Having determined to make the trial, he took his passage

on board the active for N. Zealand. I think the begin-<sup>69</sup>  
of last year & is now returned for the purpose of settling  
his affairs & taking his wife & child with him, fully  
determined, should his services be accepted, to devote  
his future time to the service of God. Previous to  
his going to New Zealand he married for his second  
wife a respectable young woman, who had been the  
acquaintance of his former wife. Mr C seems much  
delighted with the country, the people, and above all  
the cause in which he is engaged, and I have no doubt  
of his proving an useful missionary.

Mr C's brother in law Cha. Gordon has, through his persuasion  
been lately added to the mission. This young man has always  
borne a good character for industry & sobriety, and has  
lately manifested a great love for religion. I trust  
the little leaven which first reached the ears of his  
sister will infect itself throughout the whole family.  
This young man, who once exclaimed against his sister  
for being righteous overmuch, now finds religion  
to be the one thing needful. When he had thought  
of changing his state he declared to a friend that  
if he could not meet with one who had the love of  
God in her heart he would remain single all  
his life. It was not long before he found a young  
woman to his mind. They have lately been married  
& seem equally desirous of engaging in this glorious cause  
and I flatter myself there could not be found more  
suitable persons in this colony to manage the agri-  
cultural concerns of the mission at New Zealand.

Having written to you very fully in conjunction with  
my very worthy friend Mr Maudslayi on the subject of your  
last letter, I have only now to request that you will

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I assure your Hon<sup>ble</sup> Committee that I trust I  
shall ever feel the most ardent desire to promote  
the accomplishment of their glorious designs in  
this part of the world in every way possible.

I am  
Res<sup>t</sup>: & Dear Sir

Your faithful servant

Rob<sup>t</sup>. Cartwright

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