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Dear Brother:

Secretary to Rev. Basil Wood

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Having to do with such an honourable man as yourself, it never entered into my head that you ought to be reminded of the annual return of your season of benevolence.

You want to know what you can say. I answer. That the Society is "nobly" passive, till God opens the way for being "nobly" active": but, in the mean time, is proceeding surely.

I send you the last Circular Letter, lest you should not have seen it: and also Mr. Scott's account of the four students under his care. Of this last you will make what use you think prudent, and then return it to me.

We are in daily expectation of advices from Sierra Leone, that the Freetown Missions there are actually settled among the Jeros, or some other native Tribe.

Mr. Standen will, next meeting, bring before us a proposal to establish a settlement in New Zealand, both the islands of which country contain, it is supposed, 500,000 people.

The African Institution and the Abolition of the Slave Trade contribute to render that part of Africa to which our present attention is turned particularly interesting. And I think we may be

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considered to have made some serious advances
and laid firm foundations of future usefulness, in
having fixed in Africa four Ministers, and having
four others so promising raising under such
a good guide.

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I think I have given you hints for
a sermon, which, in your hands, will produce us
the usual round sum from Bermuda.

I return the advertisement, seeing
no occasion to alter it.

As to my preaching one of the
sermons, that is out of the question: as I have no
idea of asking as a fort to you, and begging ¹⁰
out of the hundred, while the other ⁹⁰ is reserved
for you.

With kind regards, Believe me,
Ever yours
W. Hall.