

J. Fawcett to Josiah Pratt

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Dear Sir/

I received safe the Missionary Registers, and am putting them in Circulation the best way I can. — Hoping soon to give a good account of the effect produced by them, I can at present only reply to that part of your letter which relates to your Candidates for orders — M^r Gurney recommended a young man, who was to offer himself for orders at the B^p of Carlisle's next ordination in June. — But some discouragement with respect to classical attainments, has made him hesitate — I am daily expecting to hear from him, & to learn his final determination —

If that determination sh^d be against accepting my Title, most readily could I offer it to one of your young men — [f] but the B^p of C. requires a continuance of three years on the Cure to which a Candidate is ordained; and would the Committee consent that their intended Missionary sh^d be so long detained from his principal object? The person recommended by M^r Gurney is a M^r Freeman, he lodges at M^r Lummonds, Bear Yard, Lincoln's Inn Fields perhaps you could make it convenient to see him —

I received, not long ago, from W^m Hall, a letter which I cannot now find. But recollect, that he expressed some regret, that he & his companions, being entirely occupied in working for their bread, could not avail themselves of an opportunity which offers of learning the language of New Zealand, during their stay in New S. Wales. [f] M^r Marsden, I believe, has stated to the Committee that the settlers stand in no need of pecuniary assistance: but if he has not also

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stated, with what loss to the object of their mission this saving of expense is effected, it seems right that it should be laid before the Committee. And W^m Hall having been recommended by me, it may not be improper for me to bring his case forward— M^r Marsden never appears to me to have sufficiently considered the comfort of the Settlers —the manner, in which thro' his inattention they went out, was very undesirable, as Servants to M^r Cartwright, and obliged to leave all their goods behind them, to be sent at another time— On this M^r H. says in a letter dated from Portsmouth— “We must look on this as one of the crosses we must be prepared and in expectation of meeting with— but the only way will be to have our affections entirely weaned from every thing we have got— we must go with Christ in [f] our hearts, the bible in our hands, and the glory of God as our End, and with these we may travel the world.” He afterwards speaks in very grateful terms of the kindness of M^r & M^{rs} Smith. I have troubled you with a long letter, but the subject must plead my excuse—

I am Rev^d Sir

yours very truly

J. Fawcett