

Rev. J. Williams to Secretary

Jan. 25/17

Ann^d. Jan. 30/17 - sent book etc - w^d sent a Year Law - Mr W. to draw up
Stroud, a popular New L^d. tract.

Com. Feb. 10/17

Saturday, Jan. 25. 1817.

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My dear Sir,

Yours I received yesterday, but not sufficiently early to answer by return of post. As this is not Post-Day, you cannot receive this till Monday. I have sent to Gloucester respecting the Journals and cannot account for the delay. Lest you should be again disappointed, I have sent a Copy by this day's Post, the Copy, which I purposed to save for myself.

I have re-examined the Registers and they are all for the Year 1815; as an additional proof, they are twelves and not octavos. I shall not return them yet, for I may dispose of them for Cash; which can be carried to our account as Registers sold. I will thank you to send six Copies for 1816, and enclose in the Parcel two Copies of the Proceedings of the Society containing 15 Sermons & Reports, 4 vols. 8vo. price 2/6 in boards - for which I shall pay Cash and carry the amount as intended respecting the Registers. One set is for "the Cottager's Book Club," and I am happy to say the funds will well afford it.

I have enclosed a card as circulated by the London Missionary Society - Shall we have some struck off, or will you undertake for us; for you

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can have them much cheaper from the London Printers?
I have found it more convenient to ask a Young Lady
to take a card, and endeavour to fill it up, than to
solicit her to become a Collector; for her fears of not ob-
taining credit, ^{to herself} under the formidable name of a Collector
will cause her to refuse, when she will not refuse a
card and say "I will try." An old Turn-pike woman
at Swansea took a Card for the London Missionary
Society and asked the Ladies as they passed to put their
names to her cards to give their penny per week; she
soon sent for another Card, and soon afterwards for a
third. She has proved a very industrious Collector; but had
she been solicited in the first place, ^{to be a Collector,} the name of a Collector
would have been too formidable to have ensured her con-
currence.

We have been so much pleased with the Rev. Mr.
Marsden's Account of New Zealand, that we long to
have it in a separate tract. I was half inclined to
draw up the life of Duaterra, and embody the whole
of Mr. Marsden's Narration; but when I made research
in the M. Register, I could not find, when his first
acquaintance commenced with Mr. M. If in your
next letter to that Gentleman, you were to suggest
the idea of his drawing up "Memoirs of Duaterra, Sovereign
Chief of Tippoona, ~~in the~~ New Zealand" in the course
of three years, we might have a very interesting Narrative,

which, I am persuaded, would clear that Gentleman
some hundreds; if he could obtain sufficient matter
for a small octavo; which might be done by introducing
some account of that Country.

Be so kind as to let me have your decision re-
specting the Cards as early as you can; for Mr. Neville
was about to engage with our Strand Printer to strike
off some for Painswick alone; but I suggested the plan
of having them struck off in Town, for all the County,
which I believe I mentioned to you when at Gloucester,
as less expensive. The same may serve for any other
Association.

With sincere regards to Mr. Bickersteth, believe

me,

Dear Sir,

Yours affectionately

John Williams



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Church Missionary House
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London

