

Rev. E. G. Marsh to Secretary

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ministerial studies

Com. (in Cor.) March 13/20.

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Dear Sir,

I had some time ago the pleasure of bearing my feeble testimony to the character of Mr Henry Williams, who has since been appointed by the church-missionary society a lay-settler in New Zealand, though he has not been able to proceed to the seat of his destined labours in consequence of some family circumstances, which he could not with propriety leave unsettled. He however retains all his ardour for the cause, and was much disappointed by the impediments, which hindered him from sailing in the autumn, though, as they exercised his submission, they doubtless improved his fitness also for the undertaking. The zeal however of Mr Henry Williams has provoked that of his younger brother; and I wish now to take the liberty of consulting you upon a case, which has been proposed to my consideration. William Williams is about eighteen years of age, and has been five years apprenticed to a surgeon. Two years he has yet to serve; and I may safely say, that to his employer, to his family, and to all his acquaintance he has given uniform satisfaction by a steadiness of character beyond his years as well as by the sweetness