

Henry Tacy to Josiah Pratt

Wymondham Norfolk Oct^r 20-1820

My dear Sir,

For somewhat more than a year George Clarke, the writer of the enclosed has been soliciting me to make an offer of him to the CMS— He is desirous of proceeding as an artisan & Schoolmaster to New Zealand.

He brought his letter (I having previously advised him to address you on the subject) to beg I would correct & revise it. I prefer however to send you the rough draft. You will perceive that he is a poor scribe & that his orthography is bad; but, perhaps, you will not think much of that when I inform you that the little knowledge of that kind which he has, has been picked up by himself; for beyond plain reading, nothing is taught in our School.

He has been well instructed in the most unlucky of all possible trades— a gunsmith— but I have informed myself from very competent judges that he is very clever in almost any kind of work that is wrought upon iron & steel. He is, moreover, the son of a Carpenter & builder, & has considerable knowledge [f] of those arts.

His disposition is kind & amiable. His integrity I think unquestionable, & his natural character altogether good & interesting: but divine grace has done much for him. He is one in whom the marks of the new creature are distinct & clear— such as may be known & read of all who were acquainted with him both before & since his conversion.

M^f Kendall has seen him I believe in Norwich. I ought to add in conclusion

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that I think very highly of him. He has not only active virtues but possesses others of a less common character, & would be likely, in my opinion, to make an excellent [? differrn] if called to it.

Believe me My dear Sir

Your affectionate friend,

H. Tacy