

Rev. H. Tracy to Geary.

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My dear Sir,

Com: Nov: 13/20 - Geo. Clarke

For ~~some~~ more than a year, the writer of the enclosed has been soliciting me to make an offer of him to the C.M.S. - 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 me, 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 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 industry of all possible trades - a tinsmith - but I have informed myself from very competent judges that he is very clever in almost any kind of work that is brought upon him & that. He is, moreover, the son of a carpenter & builder, & has considerable knowledge



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of those arts.

His disposition is kind & amiable. His integrity I think unquestionable, & his natural character altogether good & interesting: but a 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 & need full who were acquainted with him both before & since his conversion.

Mr Knott has seen him I believe in Norwich. I ought to add in conclusion that I think very highly of him. He has not only active virtues but possesses those of a less common character, & would be likely, in my opinion, to make an excellent support of all that is

Believe me My dear Sir  
Your affectionate friend &c  
H. Tracy.