

Mr. Small, sent me by the Cape of Good Hope
a book or two in the "active", with a view to the Society. He has
written a fine and little more than 16 and a few without need
of a pen and ink.

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My Dear friend

The old adage "out of sight, out of mind" will
I am obliged to confess, sometimes intrude itself into my
mind; yet I cannot bring myself to believe that we are
forgotten. But why has so much time elapsed since we
have been indulged with a line from you? The last is
dated July 5th 1820!!! and there have been repeated opportu-
nities thro' the Church Missionary Society, independant of the
Post Office. You can little conceive the anxiety with wh^{ch} we
have watched first the signals, then the ships, & lastly the post
office, here, for months past; but not a single ^{letter} from any friend
have we obtained since the 4th May. Sometimes our expectation
has been raised by a mistake, and at others by letters only
of business, i.e., from some of the Societies. One of which tells
me of \$150 worth of books placed at my disposal by the Society
for promoting Kn^{ow}ledge, in answer to an application wh^{ch}
I made to them in Aug^t 1820. I expect them daily, as the
vessel in wh^{ch} they are, was left at Rio by a ship wh^{ch} arrived
here fourteen days since. The Sunday School Union has been
equally prompt. The books are nearly half distributed.

Our new Governor, Sir Thomas Brisbane, is
at length arrived. We literally expect soon to say, "old things
are passed away, & behold all have become new". It is fully
expected that the system hitherto carried on, is to be instantly set
aside; the prisoners are to be differently managed: and those
who have been convicts are to occupy their proper place. As
far as judgment can be formed, from the evils of the present plan,
good must result from a change. For in the discharge of our
indispensable duty, i.e., particularly, at the Governor's table on