

intention, he is one of the most perverse, obstinate, & self-willed men  
I ever met with. If he has been deceived, by any one who wants to make  
a fool of him, he will not leave it in the power of any one to undeceive him, except  
it be done as he may please to dictate. As Sir T Brisbane has advised, & has  
expressed Mr Marsden of support, I hope we may get an Auxiliary Socy-  
formed. I cannot help feeling confidence that the Established Church  
will obtain good by the change. Governor Macquarie has latterly been very  
friendly to the Methodists. Two of the missionaries, <sup>Young Men,</sup> have had their brains so  
turned by these attentions, that they are acting with open hostility: and, I am  
informed, have sent the Calvinists to Hell, or at least one of them has. This is the  
modest man who praised himself <sup>by name</sup> in the Imperial Magazine. I hope you  
have obtained the insertion of my reply to that article. Mr Leigh, the senior Missionary  
has, I believe, written home making serious complaints of their irregular ~~conduct~~  
I make a point of avoiding names, in order that none may have real cause to  
be offended; without keeping back, for fear some should be offended, any of the  
distinguishing doctrines of the Gospel. The ministerial duty here is very arduous  
I every day feel more, & more, my ignorance & folly. Yet it is a comfort to know  
that it is by the "foolishness of preaching," that God is pleased to save them that  
believe": therefore I hope he will be pleased to turn my folly to the eternal  
welfare, & salvation of some of his Elect.

It was been stated that Governor Macquarie has promised  
secretly, to give up to Mr. Halliday the Native Institution, of which I am  
Secretary. And a few weeks since he laid the foundation stone of a  
Catholic Chapel, which is building by subscription. He professed to be inimical  
to both these sects. Therefore this friendship can only proceed from some anti-  
motives. Perhaps animosity to Mr Marsden. Or it may be worldly policy  
that he may <sup>have</sup> a good name among these, as he is subject to such severe cen-  
sure for his great neglect of the Churches.

Sir Thomas is to be sworn in on the 1<sup>st</sup> proximo: and Genl  
Macquarie is to leave for England in at two months.  
My poor wife still continues in a very weak, & uncomfortable  
state. I am often quite at loss what to do. "a wounded spirit, who can  
bear?" saith the wise man. Her spirit is wounded; her mind oppressed;  
and the enemy has succeeded in persuading her that, <sup>she</sup> has never been con-  
verted; but that all her profession was only Hypocrisy. What fool's  
are to believe Satan so readily! and so perversely refuse to take comfort  
from the word, promises, & Oath, of the immutable God! Lord increase our faith.  
You can scarcely conceive what I have had to endure for the last six  
months. Yet still I can raise an Alleluia! But I want grace to be  
more grateful for my manifold & matchless mercies.

I hope this will find yourself, Mrs Saunders, & your dear  
little ones all well. I should much like to see how the "Blue branches"  
thrive "around your table". Were it so with us, according to my wisdom,  
things would be better with us. Yet there is a small difficulty in the way of  
this supposition. Col - 84/11 - also Rom 8/32 - Lord help our unbelief!