

... be with us, and grants such success. Receive our kind regards; and may the great Head of the church be with you and work with you and give you as a church still great success in the missionary cause.

I am, dear sir,

yours truly,

DAVID CAW.

To Abram Patterson, Esq., Treasurer,
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For the Register.

MR. EDITOR.—It has long been a most anxious enquiry with the friends of our Foreign Mission how we are to meet the oft-repeated and ever increasing demand, for more labor in the field which the God of missions has given us to cultivate. Many an ardent, effectual, fervent prayer, of many a righteous man, I doubt not, has been presented to the Lord of the harvest, to send forth laborers into the harvest; and such prayer availeth much. There has been much already done, by the blessing of God upon the exertions of our church, for the evangelization of the heathen; and much good is yet in store for our little enterprise, which is so fast enlarging under our hands. It is cheering to have one candidate, of ardent, devoted spirit, proffering his services to for us and enter into labors so auspiciously begun; and gratifying in the extreme to know that his preparatory training is favorably advancing. But what is one among so many? can nothing more be done to increase our foreign staffs? Might not the fathers and brethren in the church, either individually, or judiciously, or both, confer with young brethren in the ministry, whether in the pastorate or on the home field, and endeavor to persuade, if not "compel them," when their qualifications seem to indicate a fitness for the work, "to come in" and share in this most interesting enterprise. There is much that is inviting to the devoted servants of the Redeemer, in our Foreign Mission. There are rich mines of precious jewels, that await only the operative hand of the Christian workman to be explored, developed, furnished and fitted for a place in the crown of the Redeemer. These are "diggings" which promise a return for labor, as far superior to matter as souls

are superior to dust—as eternity is superior to time—as heaven is superior to earth. And yet, while the shrines of the great goddess of California and Australia, are thronged with devotees who renounce kindred, country, ease, health, and life itself, in pursuit of the flattering but vain rewards which she promises (?) Where are the votaries of the cross—where the Christian mines, with the "hammer and the fire" of the word, to volunteer their agency in exploring, discovering, and elevating those immortal gems! the polishing of which will not only add infinitely to their value, their usefulness, and their glory, but will secure to those who are instrumental in turning them from darkness to light, the reward of an inheritance which is incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away—the issue promised—(and promised not as the world promises)—to those who having "turned many unto righteousness, shall shine as the stars for ever and ever." Besides the reward here is not all future—all eternal. The church on behalf of her great Head invites to immediate honor, and independence, so far as the things of this life are concerned. Whatever they may do in relation to the perishing thousands at home—whatever they may do to support and sustain those among themselves, who break to them and to their children the bread of life—and none do less for home because they are willing to help abroad; our people have always been forward to say to the rules in the church: "find ye the men and we will find the means." Will any who know the date of our church deny, that her internal operations have been vastly improved since her foreign agency began. Is there a pastor in her bounds that has not been made to feel that, to a greater or less extent, he is cared for by the whole church—or that a congregation that has not been, to some extent, elevated from a state of comparative isolation, into united fellowship with the body as a whole? Have not ministers and people alike, been quickened, and stimulated to the performance of mutual good offices? Have not the people learned that, while they were willing to be told in relation to the support of the Foreign Mission. This ought ye to have done," the counterpart of the