

health and strength at this refreshing season of the year. The difficulties in the way of meeting together are very serious here at present, but we must try and overcome them. After we meet, God willing, you will in due time have particulars in relation to our operations.

As the clothing and medicine which have been sent by the faithful friends are an offering to the Lord Jesus to be used for his honor among this degraded people, we beseech you to pray that we may have wisdom so to use these means, and at the same time we return our best thanks for such benefits. Mrs. Gordon especially feels grateful and refreshed by the unexpected tokens of Christian regard from so many whom I am sure she would feel it a privilege to know face to face as her sisters in the kingdom of our Lord, and will herself acknowledge such by an early opportunity, God willing.

We, however, were not anxiously inquiring if the friends with you were or were not so caring for us; but one thing of more importance we have been inquiring for incessantly with anxious expectation of good things to come. Has the dew of Hermon descended on your Zion as it is copiously descending elsewhere?

I would take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the Rev. Messrs. Waddell, McGregor, R. Murray, McCulloch, Currie, Laird, Fraser, and Mr. James and other friends for their kind letters, till I have opportunity to write them. I can assure them that such letters are frequently blessed by God in the advancement of his cause out here far beyond what they imagine.

I remain, dear brother, yours very truly,

GEORGE N. GORDON.

Rev. James Bayne.

P.S.—Just leaving with the brethren, and I go with a heavy heart; but duty calls, and I must leave all behind at this critical time in the hands of God.

If you see Mr. Inglis before he receives a letter from me, please state that I will fulfil all his desire in relation to the Grammar as soon as possible. We anticipated much good by the coming of Mr. Johnston, and I think will not be disappointed.

I have to state that Mr. Geddie acknowledges the receipt of his Bell, which I have not seen. I asked the Directors of the London Missionary Society how much I should pay for a Bell, they said £5. I informed you of this, and you forthwith gave me authority to purchase one for my station out of the £17 1s. 6d. sterling given to me, hoping I would get one equally as good for my station. Of this sum, however, Mr. G.'s Bell cost £10 18s. mounting, &c. Above this I have accounted for £1 16s. I have as good a Bell, but I paid part of the price of it myself.  
G. N. G.

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*To the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of N. S.*

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,—At the expiration of another year in the Master's work on this island, in which we have been so graciously preserved, you will expect fuller accounts of our work here than I have yet given you. I, however, feel that it is much easier to speak of this work negatively than positively, until we have indubitable evidence that the gospel is preached among the heathen with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; and till we have facts resulting from His convincing and quickening power, we can only report matters of secondary importance about what we have done, which in Providence depends much on our energy, prudence and the means we have at our disposal; and we cannot write much about such matters without blowing our own trumpet and procuring more honor to ourselves than to the Great Master whom we serve, who is a jealous God.

#### CONVERSION.

The horizon of heathenism is a peculiar horizon—dark, very dark, and cloudy, in which it is exceedingly difficult to recognize the first tokens of spiritual light; but when the Sun of Righteousness shall have arisen on it we shall not be ignorant of the fact. The heathen of such islands as this can appreciate some advantages arising from peaceable foreigners residing among them, especially missionaries, who are only objectionable on account of the doctrines which they preach.