

expect the desired blessing on our work.

I hope many of the ablest of the students will give themselves willingly to the mission, and come to our help. Or should we fall, as others have fallen by our side, in the cause, may God influence the hearts and minds of many of the pious, able and learned young men now studying for the ministry in our Church, so that they may come forward and offer themselves to occupy our places, that the cause of Jesus may go on conquering and to conquer, till all the isles not only wait for, but are enjoying His love, with all its blessings and comforts, and rejoicing in in His salvation. The eyes and claims of our Lord Jesus Christ are upon us. The eyes and cries of the heathen are toward us, and may God help us to do our duty.

I may here also express my heartfelt thanks to all the ministers and congregations of our Church, and to all the ministers, congregations, and friends in other Churches, who have assisted us in our mission, either by their good advice, or by their prayers, or their money, whether given by collections, or through the children's collecting cards, or their property for mission boxes. Let me also thank the ladies who have spent so much of their time, means, and labour, in preparing the mission boxes. And most cordially do I thank the Sabbath school teachers and the dear children for their sympathy and assistance. I can only, in my own name and in name of our mission, thank you all for whatever assistance you have rendered to our mission, and pray that our Great Master may give you all His rich reward, so graciously promised to all who so live and labour in His service. Let our Church be encouraged to persevere in her great work, and I have no fear but all needed help will be provided, for I believe that of the mission boxes prepared during my visit home, and now sent out, two-thirds have been given by Christian friends in other denominations, who have taken a deep interest in our work and mission; and I hope the next year's Foreign Mission contributions from all the congregations in our Church will prove that, by such help, her liberality and zeal have been much increased, and this can only be attained if all her members and adherents try to do their duty.

Let me also entreat that the four devoted young men now studying and preparing for our mission may have the prayers, sympathies, and assistance of the Church, and of all friends of our mission, in all their preparations for the work, for which may Jesus richly qualify them with every gift and grace required, and in due time bring them safely to our help on the New Hebrides, and make them the instruments of converting thousands of perishing heathen.

For the present, then, we bid you all

farewell, and entreat to be remembered, as we remember you all, constantly in prayer.

Yours, etc.
JOHN G. PATON.

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CAFFRARIA.

THE REV. DR. DUFF'S ESTIMATE OF THE MISSION TO CAFFRARIA.

(From the U. P. Record.)

Our readers will be much gratified by the following generous testimony which the Rev. Dr. Duff bears to the value and the efficiency of our mission in Caffraria:—

'August 15th, 1864.

'MY DEAR SIR,—Having, in the course of my recent journeyings through South Africa, purposely turned aside to visit the Caffrarian Mission of the United Presbyterian Church, I deem it at once a duty and a privilege to bear emphatic testimony in its favor.

"The difficulties and obstacles in the way of successfully conducting such a mission are of a totally different kind from those which we have to encounter in India.—Nevertheless they are, in the aggregate, of a very formidable description; and the men who have to face them have very special claims on the sympathies and prayers of God's people.

'For the last thirty-five years I have regarded it merely as a truism, that, while the gospel must be introduced into a heathen land by foreign agents, it is by native agents that it must be propagated so as to reach and pervade the masses of the people. In order to insure a race of qualified native agents, common sense and experience dictate that substantially the same means must be employed which are found necessary in raising up teachers, preachers, and ordained ministers in Christian lands. Now it so happens, in the good providence of God, that to the United Presbyterian Church belongs the honor of having in its service the first native Kaffir who has ever been ordained to the ministry of the gospel, in the person of the Rev. Tiyo Soga. It was, therefore, with me a matter of intense desire, to visit the station of this native minister, and confer with him face to face. And this desire was, if possible, still further intensified by the consideration that, in the training of