

will continue to remember our poor people. Give my love to J—— and tell her I am very happy to know that she takes such an interest in our work. I think I must enlist her services, as she appears so active. I shall need a great many things for my school when I enlarge it, which I hope to do soon. We shall need clothing, needles, thread, thimbles, slates, pencils, pens, ink, paper and pictures (such as are used in infant schools if they can be got), maps, &c.

We shall have more frequent opportunities of sending letters home than formerly, as there is likely to be two sandal wood establishments on the island. One is already going on, and the parties have two vessels collecting wood, the other parties are expected daily, and they will have three or more vessels employed. There are already two white families living here, and there will soon be another. If these were all we would not so much fear for our poor natives, but there will be always a number of straggling foreigners about them, and these not of the best character; but we must do all in our power to protect our poor people from their evil influence. We have now as many young as we can accommodate on our premises, and still there are many more whom we would like to take in.— And we shall use every effort to get all the young girls, or rather as many as we have room for, under our own care. A great number of females have been taken off this island by foreigners.— There is already a very great disproportion between the sexes, owing to infanticide and the strangling of widows.

I must now bring this long letter to a close. I know it is not very interesting, but as usual I am writing in a great hurry and am exposed to constant interruptions. Our two dear children, Elizabeth and John, are well.— John is a healthy boy and has made quite a romp of Elizabeth, who has no other playfellow. * * *

I remain,
Yours affectionately,
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LETTER FROM REV. MR INGLIS.

Continued from August Number.

I am extremely sorry to learn, both from your letters and through other channels, that there is so much backwardness to the missionary work among our

young men; that the love of home labor, rather than foreign, seems to predominate so much among them. Is it not surprising that, among Scotchmen, who are so proverbial for their enterprise, and who are found in such numbers in the warmest, the coldest, and the most remote regions of the globe, there should be so little of the *perferendum ingenium Scotorum*, so little of Scotch enthusiasm, as to shrink even from the New Hebrides? Is it not more surprising that thoroughly educated Scottish ministers, whose minds ought to be fully expanded to comprehend the condition and claims of the perishing heathen, should feel so little personal interest in missions, and be so averse to embark themselves in missionary enterprise? The Duke of Wellington's opinion on missions went the round of the papers a few years ago, and was said to be to this effect:—In a company in which the Duke was present, a young English clergyman, was imprudent enough to say that he thought that clergymen were under no obligation to go out as missionaries, the duke, in his usual laconic manner, said to him, "Look at your marching orders, young man, and see what they say: 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'" The extent of the obligation imposed upon every licensed preacher of the gospel by the "great commission" put into his hands, under the authority of the Church's exalted and glorious head is, I am afraid, too little felt. It implies not merely a liberty to go and preach wherever they may choose, but involves, also, an obligation to go wherever they may be sent. But it is, perhaps, most surprising of all, that ministers and preachers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, who profess to be the only legitimate descendants and representatives of the Scottish martyrs, should seem to possess so little of the martyrlike spirit of self-denial. In these days, when this honour is keenly contested by other parties, deeds, and not words only are the proofs that must establish this claim. Public opinion, and a higher authority than public opinion, will award this honorable distinction, not to the Church that holds merely the soundest creed, but to the Church that manifests the greatest amount of martyrlike spirit in advancing the interests of our Redeemer's kingdom. Surely our martyred forefathers, who were immured in dungeons, driven into banishment,