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Beloved brother in the Lord.

As an unexpected opportunity for a ship voyage to Hamburg has arisen for me, I am taking advantage of it to send you the enclosed mission reports, which you will receive from Hamburg through the intermediary of the dear Mr. Heyn. I will send the Baptist mission letters at the earliest opportunity, as the severe frost has greatly hindered steamship travel between Hamburg and London, and especially the postage for packages, which previously had to be sent by land from Hamburg and Cuxhaven, has risen sharply. Therefore, the dear Mr. Heyn has not yet wished to send me the Dresden mission annual report, which I am quite satisfied with, hoping that the dear missionaries, whom I am eagerly awaiting and who will hopefully be in Hamburg, will bring it to me themselves.

Regarding the travel costs for the brothers from here to Australia, Angas, who has been ill for some time, has been unable to do anything about it. However, if God wills, we will try to obtain funds for this purpose from other sources. I have drafted a petition for some assistance to cover these costs, which I intend to submit to the church, Wesleyan, and London mission societies as soon as the brothers arrive. This petition is drafted in such a way that the committee in Dresden will have no objections to its content or to the matter itself, and Angas is also satisfied with it. Moreover, the dear man has assured me that he will provide for the maintenance of the two brothers while they are in London, so that the Dresden society will have no further expenses on this front. I would be very pleased if at least half of the travel costs could be raised here, so that the contributions collected in Germany can be used to accommodate a pupil in the institution.

Regarding the latest church events here, I would like to note that the established Presbyterian Church in Scotland is about to submit a petition to Parliament requesting that the government levy a church tax throughout Scotland to build new churches. The Dissenters in Scotland and the Secessive Church have recently sent a delegation, particularly Dr. Wardlaw and Stengh, here to explain to Parliament that they (the Dissenters and Surrenders in Scotland) will not contribute to these endowments.

At the same time, in order to once again enlist the participation of English dissenters and strengthen their opposition to the "church-rate", a public meeting was held in a London tavern, which I had the opportunity to attend. However, things were said there that I would not want to fully endorse due to their impassioned content, even though many truths were brought up. If possible, I would like to send you the speeches given on this occasion. Of course, I cannot send you the boisterous spirit that occasionally spoke up at the meeting; nevertheless, I'm sure you'll appreciate it, as it's truly not entertaining. The things often are true and correct; but the spirit with which they are driven should at least occasionally be different. By the way, I sincerely thank God that I am neither a churchman nor a dissenter, so I don't have to defend or approve of the injustices of one party or the errors of the other.

Enclosing "Lecture on South-Australia" will undoubtedly be enjoyable.

As soon as the brothers arrive, I will of course write to you. Meanwhile, I wish you and Mrs. Wermelskirch, as well as the dear brothers, the blessings of our faithful God and Savior. Miss Pennyfeather's kind regards to you: Most obedient and sincere recommendations to the Committee and the pupils.

Keep dear your humble brother in the Lord.

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I'm also adding the "Report of the Parliamentary Select Committee on the Aboriginal Tribes". -