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To the missionaries
of the Society
in
South Australia

Dear brethren, beloved by the Lord!

We eagerly awaited the news of the happy arrival of the Meyer and Klose brothers, as we received the letters from Brother Teichelmann on September 1st and October 2nd of this year, which casually hinted at the brothers' presence. However, the following day, we received all your letters dated August 12, 13, and 14, which joyfully informed us of the brothers' successful arrival and simultaneously reported on the progress of our mission's sacred work so far, as well as outlined the plan for future activities.

As we thank the Lord for the protection and shelter he has bestowed upon the brethren Meyer and Klose, and the spiritual and physical blessings he has granted them, we also praise and glorify his holy name for the blessing he has placed on the ongoing efforts of the brethren Teichelmann and Schürmann. He is a gracious God who takes care of his servants according to their various needs, "Blessed be the free Lord".

With regard to the division of the communal mission field that has been made, we should now actually address each of you individually; however, we prefer to address this circular letter - which will easily circulate - to you collectively, so as not to be forced to repeat many things.

As for the distribution of your forces, which is the most important thing, it seems to us quite appropriate that Klose has stayed with Teichelmann in Adelaide to dedicate his efforts to the already flourishing school for indigenous children. Similarly, we agree that, under the prevailing circumstances, Meyer has gone with his wife to Encounter Bay to attempt the establishment of a new station, which Schürmann had already planned earlier.

As for Schürmann's assumption of the role of Protector of the Natives in Port Lincoln, we also approve of it, but cannot refrain from urging great caution, so that it does not lead to conflicts with his profession as a missionary. If the latter can be avoided, then we are delighted that he has been given an opportunity to show the heathens that he is their friend and means them well, even before they have a proper understanding of his beneficial efforts for their immortal souls. We are also very pleased that we have an excuse for the loss due to the withdrawal of Angaschen support, which makes it easier for us to continue our work with increasing costs.

By the way, we wish all three brothers success in their new positions, and to Brother Teichelmann, we wish the blessing of the triune God for the further fulfillment of his previous position.

You will have already noticed from our last letter, in which we discussed this matter in more detail, that the money bill sent by Brother Teichelmann is fully in line with our account. You will also have found our instructions for future money withdrawals in the same letter.

We are sorry that Schürmann's engagement has indeed been called off, as we already suspected from his previous letter. In his current position, a faithful companion would be very desirable for him. May the Lord support him in all his trials until he deems it appropriate to introduce him to another bride. However, before a formal engagement is concluded with such a woman, we must request his consent, as we have already stated in a previous letter and believe it necessary to explicitly reiterate this in view of Teichelmann's remarks in his latest letter.

We have received the latest newspapers, which date back to November, but the ones sent earlier are still in the hands of our friends in Hamburg. From these, we learned about the sensation caused by the murder of the shipwrecked in Adelaide, and we regret to note that a life-threatening injury to a boy in Port Lincoln has also occurred. ~~May the Lord protect him and all precious lives, especially that of Brother Schürmann, who is exposed to more dangers than the others.~~ According to Schürmann's notification, we are to find a public commendation of the upcoming school examinations in these newspapers. With this in mind, we note that such commendations cannot be entirely prevented in advance, but it remains desirable to limit all public statements to the relevant facts and to refrain from any speculations about life. By sending us newspapers, we reciprocate by enclosing our latest missionary writings, some of which you are to give to Pastor Kavel for distribution among the members of his congregation.

Indeed, we assume that the news from Cordes about his departure is unfounded, as he is not mentioned in the available newspapers, which would have certainly happened otherwise. This settles what we already wrote in our last letter regarding the administration of his position. Now, however, we must urgently ask you to make every effort to ensure that your relationship with Pastor Kavel is fraternal and cordial,

for the sake of his and yourselves, as well as for the rest of the Christians in Australia, the heathens, and the Lord.

Therefore, we command all of you, including the dear Mrs. Meyer, to seek the protection and patronage, the grace and loyalty of the Lord, and we remain your devoted ones with carefree love and intercession.

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