

To the missionary preacher
H. Schürmann,
Most Reverend

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Beloved brother in the Lord!

Although we do not have a letter from you to respond to this time, we would like to assure you that we have not forgotten about you, especially since you are in such a lonely situation. Moreover, Pastor Wermelskirch has informed us of the main content of the letter you sent to him, which prompts us to respond to some points. Firstly, we are pleased to note that your new position in Port Lincoln does not seem to be detrimental to your actual profession, but rather beneficial. Furthermore, there is no need to fear that the connection or certain dependencies you have entered into with the government will result in restrictions or obligations in church-related matters. Therefore, we can view this situation as being ordained by the Lord himself, and we only ask you not to become discouraged or impatient if you have to face and combat the meanness and malice of those who have fallen so low, whom we must still consider as brothers. Ultimately, however, the word, faith, and love will prevail there too, and we hope that you will not experience death before you have seen the Son of Man come in his kingdom, which he also intends to establish among these lost children.

As for the establishment of a mission by the Methodists, which you fear, and the support you therefore desire, we cannot, to answer the latter first, give you hope of a brother's prompt dispatch, but we also believe that you will do better if you calm yourself regarding what you cannot prevent and are not called upon to prevent, entrusting everything else to God, and on your part, only seeking to proclaim the word of truth entrusted to you with all faithfulness, and in the strength that the Lord provides. Then your zeal, sanctified by faith and love, will also bear its right fruits, Matthew 5:5.

News about events and circumstances that require your participation, such as the efforts and hopes of our fellow believers in Prussia, and upcoming changes regarding our missionary institution, will be provided to you by Pastor Wermelskirch. However, we sincerely wish and pray that the God of comfort may be an even more tangible shield and protection for you in your solitude, and a great reward for your joy and His glory. Amen!

We sign off with warm love as your fellow brothers in the Lord.

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