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June 11th

(To be addressed to
Missionary Teichelmann
in Adelaide)

To the missionaries
Teichelmann, Close, Meyer, and Schürmann
in South Australia.

Dear bretheren, beloved by the Lord!

We correctly received your letters of November 9, 15, and 27, 1843, on May 17, 1844. Thank God, there are also some pleasant things in them, despite many unpleasant ones.

It was a particular pleasure for us that, despite the various moods conveyed through these letters, all three brothers agree that our missionary work in New Zealand is not entirely hopeless, even if there has been little visible success so far, and that none of you seem to have lost all hope while working towards this goal. We also noted with pleasure from your letters that you are not afraid to associate with the lowly and to work with your own hands for the sake of the Lord, and that you also demonstrate a keen desire to engage with the natives themselves as soon as possible. We wholeheartedly approve of all steps that you consider appropriate after careful deliberation among yourselves to bring you closer to this goal, provided they do not exceed our capabilities.

We expect all four of you to consider all four activities, even if they are partially different, as completely common and to discuss them together. We also hope that the income to be managed by Brother Teichelmann's section will not only benefit the brothers in Adelaide, but also the others in Port Lincoln and Encounter Bay, according to their needs. However, this goes without saying; therefore, let's not say anything more about this matter.

I'm sure you're interested, dear brothers, to hear more about the progress of our missionary work. We're pleased to inform you that the fire lit by the Lord has not been extinguished, but has increased year after year. The zeal for his beloved church and mission is constantly growing, and we have no reason to fear that the Lord will abandon or neglect us in our missionary endeavors. Therefore, we have had the

courage to admit eight missionary trainees into our institution and cannot help but allow * to join us next Michaelmas. We believe that this information will strengthen your faith, as you can see that the brothers in Europe are not swayed by the apparent lack of visible successes in the Bible, believing that even if it seems insignificant, the whole world should see the Savior, the Son of God. Therefore, continue to work in your vocations with fresh and cheerful courage; thousands upon thousands of holy hands are being lifted up to heaven for you in Germany; hope, the * , fills our hearts most deeply; but this pious hope will not be disappointed.

Only show all your loyalty to the Lord in your letters, and then the work of your hands will also be well-received in the end. Therefore, the true and faithful witness has said: "If you have heard me, you will also hear me." Rely on this promise of his, dear brothers, and do not forget that the Lord has blessed those who do not see but still believe.

Finally, we would like to note that we have asked Mr. Jackson in London to cash a cheque of 80 pounds sent to us from Stockholm and to send the amount to you, and that we plan to do more once our finances allow it.

We kindly ask you to greet Mr. Flaxman, who has been so kind to you and us by providing a guarantee, and to express our sincerest gratitude to him.

The box that Brother Meyer is talking about did not reach us; only his several issues of the "South Australian Register" arrived shortly after the arrival of your three letters. Therefore, we have not yet received the books, some of which we were supposed to send to Professor Rückert, nor the small items intended for Brother Meyer's dear elders.

We sincerely urge you to continue to hold fast to the land of harmony and to keep working without hope of hope, and we assure you of our fraternal intercession before the Lord of the Church.

May the Lord our God be kind to you and promote the work of your hands with you, indeed, may He promote the work of your hands!

May the grace of our Lord and Savior be with you all! Amen.

Dresden, June 11, 1844

The committee, etc.