

Toronto 5th July 1882.

Dear Sir,

I am at present engaged in putting through the press a Life of Dr. Geddie, with a history of the New Hebrides Mission. This has for some time been desired as a just tribute to his memory, and as a proper memorial of the Lord's work, as well as fitted to deepen the interest of the church in the great cause of missions, to which his life was devoted.

But the publication involves considerable expense, and for all works published in Nova Scotia, the return is very uncertain and at best small. After having given a good deal of time and trouble to the preparation of the work, friends have been good enough to say, that they did not consider it fair that I should bear all the pecuniary responsibility of the undertaking. Some of them, therefore, have agreed to subscribe certain amounts to be expended in copies for free distribution, in this way aiding to secure me from loss, and at the same time promoting the cause of missions. Dr. Geddie's letters, it is well known when first published, did much to deepen the interest of the church in the evangelization of the heathen, and evoke its liberality for that and other objects; and it is believed that the whole story of his toils, trials, and success is likely to produce similar results at the present time. Independent of personal friends among whom one might desire to distribute copies, there are classes among whom the circulation of the work might, through the divine blessing, be attended with happy results. There are for example the students of our church, attending our Halls and Universities, numbering some hundreds, upon whose minds the study of such a life might produce most salutary impressions. But the circulation of it also among the young men attending the institutions of other churches, might be the means of diffusing the missionary spirit still more widely. Then to our home missionaries and ministers in weak charges, such a gift would be valuable, and might afford a healthful stimulus and encouragement in their labours. Further, there are the churches of Australia and New Zealand, whose proximity to the field renders it so important that they should be interested in the work in the New Hebrides, and I do not see how this object could be better gained than by the circulation of Dr. Geddie's life. Besides, if liberally assisted in this way the book might be sold at a cheaper rate, which would doubtless increase its circulation and extend its usefulness.

The retail price will be \$1.50, but for this purpose it will be supplied at the rate of \$1 per copy.

I submit the matter to your consideration. Should you feel disposed to aid, you will oblige by communicating with me *Chas B Robinson, Toronto*

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE PATTERSON.

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