

Letter of Instructions sent by order of the Board of Foreign Missions,  
to Rev. J. Sedgwick

Belle Vue N. S. Aug<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> / 49

Rev & Dear Brother

In the instructions with which you were furnished by our Board, previous to your departure, it was intimated that we would add to them from time to time as occasion might require. We have not been hasty in redeeming this pledge, feeling that we could say little that would aid you in your preliminary arrangements, about which you well knew our views and wishes in general; and we had confidence that you would do what appeared best in the case. We have been much gratified from time to time at the journals you have sent us, all of which we believe have come to hand except that which records your voyage from Sandwich Islands to Samoa. Though we might not perhaps in every instance have concurred in your arrangements, we have reason to believe that you were influenced by the best motives in the course <sup>that</sup> you adopted, and the issue we think has proved that you were directed by counsels from on high; and though your route was circuitous and your delay considerable, we are constrained to believe that by a way that you knew not you have been led most directly to a most promising field of future operations and usefulness. We are glad to find that your intercourse with the London Society Agents has been just what we anticipated, & that you are associated with them in your present field of action.

We would have preferred of course that you had found New Caledonia accessible, as it had always been associated with our missionary enterprise; but we cordially approve of your choice of Ametee, under the circumstances in which you were placed. We will hope that God has work for you there, to do which will redound to his glory in the salvation of many souls. Your association with the S. M. S. Missionaries we believe essentially important; and we trust your cooperation will ever continue harmonious and effective. We can never think of assuming the mission as our own, while our resources are so limited and there

remains so much land to be possessed We are disposed to consider ourselves as entering into their labors, and spending on the same ground such Missionary resources as the great head of the Church may place within our reach. We are most grateful for the kind and efficient manner in which they have taken you by the hand; but it is our desire and our intention to bear all your expenses. Presuming that your expenditure for houses lands and boat accommodation &c. have been necessary and economical, we have transmitted money to meet your drafts for these so far as we have been advised. We have added Five pounds to your salary, and provided for the expenses of freight of your supplies. Your mode of instruction and intercourse with the natives is of ancient and honorable origin, and we hope in due time it will be abundantly successful. Our blessed Lord went about doing good, and you cannot be too earnest in season and out of season in following his example.

We have no prospect in the mean time of being able to send out another laborer to your assistance. We are anxious however that as soon as practicable, Mr Archibald may be ordained as a Missionary, and placed in a situation to be as extensively useful as he can be made.

We have applied to the Synod, and received instruction to take the necessary steps for his ordination, but they have restricted us to Presbyterian Ordination. We request you therefore to take such steps, in conjunction with Messrs Wisbet & Turner to whom we have written upon the subject, or any other Plr Br within reach, as will enable you as soon as practicable to secure to yourself a brother of your own in full standing, to share with you in all the responsibilities as well as in all the counsels which your trying situation may require. We will expect you to report your progress in this matter with all diligence.

It has appeared to us that your distance from each other, so far as 12 miles must make your intercourse less frequent than could be desirable, but we trust you are cooperating in the best manner for accomplishing the best ends.

Intelligence of all kinds from you is most eagerly sought by friends and the Church at large; and your journal we will look for both for our own information



Copy of letters to  
Mr. W. ? J. H. ...  
Aug 5/14. 1879  
sent by Mr. ...  
Oct. 1879

Bellevue River John

Pictou Aug 11. 1869

Rev. and dear Sir

The principal reason why I have not written you lately on the subject of our Mission Agency is the expectation which I have ever since cherished of receiving from you answers to several enquiries which I had the pleasure of making at you personally in London last year. The time is now come however when we are constrained to proceed on the information we have as far as we can and to solicit answers from you such ~~information~~ further direction as will enable us to carry efficiently forward the work in which we are engaged. From the expenses necessarily incurred in the erection of buildings - board accommodation &c &c we are apprehensive that Mr. Geddie may have drawn upon you for more funds than you have of late at your disposal and we trust to place in your hands an amount equivalent to all the demands we have any reason to expect to come against us for such purposes. We will be particularly obliged if you will be kind enough to give us a statement of your accounts with our Missionaries as we are particularly anxious to know how much we should provide for freight and incidentals which may accrue in the transmission of their salaries. As well as to be assured that it is your practice to send to your Missionaries their full income without any deduction for profit. We wish to do so with ours and to know how much to

provide for past expenses and how much to add to  
their salaries in time coming for this purpose

The salaries with the additional provision will be  
forwarded for the ensuing year immediately upon receipt  
of your reply to this letter. Please write  
enough to let us know when you expect the Colonel  
William in England and about what time she  
will likely leave again for South Seas as we  
may probably have some boxes of clothing &c. to  
forward by her.

Mr. Widdie writes us that Mr. Ross of Sydney has  
suggested that an application for his Agency should  
be made through you - will you have the goodness  
to mention to the Board that we will be much  
obliged if he will allow us to draw on his services  
and we will hold ourselves responsible for to you  
for any expenses to which that Agency may  
incure

~~The Books which you so kindly~~  
Should advise from Mr. Widdie reach you  
before we have had tidings of their  
coming will you be kind enough to inform  
our Treasurer should you not have funds  
to meet them as he has

Any suggestions which you may feel dis-  
posed to offer for our direction in the management  
of our correspondence with our Missionaries  
we will be most thankful to receive.

The books which you so kindly presented to me  
last year I handed over to our Board and our autho-  
rity to return you best thanks. Trusting soon to hear  
from you and requesting you to forward your reply under  
envelope to Mr. Widdie & me. I am Sir,  
The Rev. of Tidman  
Truly yours  
Jas Waddell

Paris 3<sup>e</sup> Aug. 1894

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Accompanying this letter of my  
brother you will receive a Bill of exchange  
for £50. It is to meet any orders that may  
have been drawn by me ~~on~~ ~~you~~  
for Boots, a Bullocky materials

I shall remit the balance as usual  
about the end of the present month.

I am

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Yours respectfully

H. Waddell

*[Faint handwritten notes, possibly a list of items or prices]*

Paris Aug 3. 1894

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Enclosed is a check for £25.  
and a ten shilling bank of Upper Canada  
note ~~for~~ which you will please rem  
and plan to my credit

Accompanying these is a letter to  
Shubert G. Lidman of London. May I beg the favor  
of your procuring a bill of exchange for £50.

It is enclosing it with the letter under  
invelope to the address of the Rev. F. D. ...  
Mission House, Bloomington, Mich. ...  
sending by post mail and paying  
postage.

I am  
Very sincerely  
Yours very truly  
J. W. ...

Will this you  
Walter ...

Copy of letter in  
copy of ...  
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Aug 1. 1. 1869