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Rev Dear Sir

I have been earnestly expecting for the last 2 months a fellow labourer and was rather disappointed on 29 Oct when our dear friend Captain Bone arrived, without any missionary to join me. But my disappointment was partly relieved by the pleasing information that two young men are actually engaged to come and will arrive by the earliest opportunity.

I am under the greatest obligations to the Committee for the earnest care they have of the church of God at home & abroad. But as I am now connected with a vast colony, in the waste howling wilderness of Africa every additional act of kindness is like the new rising splendour who scatters darkness, revives the human spirit and calls forth the energies of body & mind into full service.

Oh Mr. Dear Sir how changeable is the world? Since I came to Africa, I have suffered from all quarters, but now I have the misfortune & danger of being rather popular and coveted. I sustain the office of President to the Bible Society & joint meeting with the Chaplains to the Bible Society. I delivered a speech at our annual meeting first Tuesday in the year and was highly complimented on the occasion. On Sunday 10th Nov^r at 6 P.M. I preached a sermon at the request of the Gov^r on the lamented death of the Queen. His Excellency Gen^l Macarthur, His Honor the Chief Justice, the Honorable J. S. Buxton, the military & civil officers, the magistrates, Mayor & aldermen, & merchants attend chapel on the occasion.