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Dear Sir

Having been informed a few days ago M^r Cecil, that there had been some intimation of a wish the part of the Directors, that I should be employed in the West Indies in preference to South Africa, and being to enter upon that sphere of labour, and, I trust, that , in which I may be able most efficiently to advance the cause of our Blessed Redeemer; Permit me to state following particulars for their consideration, previous to to a final decision on my case -

When first I felt the expansive benevolence of the in my heart, It became an interesting question to , How can I spend the remainder of my days in bringing fellowmen to the enjoyment of the same happiness and ? After much prayer for the Divine direction, it to be in accordance [with] the will of Providence that I should to obtain a medical education in order to render service the cause of missions. by that means; After much exertion overcoming considerable difficulties, in which I was sensibly by the good hand of providence, I spent two years that study, all which time, in the event of my being to the West Indies, might be considered as lost, For I not use the knowledge which I have obtained

[0002] in all probability incurring the displeasure of medical who have gone thither for the sake of gain, and it is known how easily medical men can destroy each others and usefulness, when an unsuccessful case occurs, many hundreds of young men have experienced in this and countries; In this manner might not only that means I had hoped to have exerted to subserve the cause religion be rendered inoperative, but likewise my moral religious influence be weakened-

Added to this I may be permitted to mention, that in the West Indies has always appeared so much the ministry at home that my thoughts have not at all attracted in that direction, but always to other parts of world

I beg leave to state likewise in reference to a to send me out in the present year, my earnest for more education, This has always been my and the more I contemplate the magnitude of the , the greater does the necessity of good preparation it appear to be; even when commencing study prospect of being a missionary, so fully was I of its importance, that it formed no of my plan, to offer myself to any society, untill educated. Lest I should be sent out for the work, and I at length did

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