No. 2

Mr Thomson

I need not say that my heart bleeds at what I have heard – What a prospect now does our mission assume! – Christ my Saviour, your Saviour wounded! in the house of his friends! – Be careful that your sorrow be not that which arises from fear of detection and exposure – O poor degraded human nature – not afraid of the heart searching God but more vastly afraid of this wicked, weak, dying world! –

Thus ends my censure – May God, the eternal – Omnipotent God forgive you as I now from the heart forgive you – your family henceforth, so far as they shall be the objects of my under care – So long as your wife shall sustain an impeachable character, so long shall have support – abundant support from the Mission provided she desires to remain in its connection. I restrain all further inquiry abroad in regard to your conduct –

You must remain here till some decisive steps can be taken, such steps as will be for the best interest of your family – In order to do this, your wife must know all and express her wishes – Whatever I can be convinced that you have advanced in behalf of the Mission must be refunded and every thing done for the best interest of your wife and child – Your connection with the Mission is henceforth dissolved – How you can best leave to heal the wound caused in the body of Christ must be an after consideration –

I must have your confession in your hand written in ink and signed by yourself – The world will not know it – The Board must God already knows it.

Your Freind
(Signed) Thos S Savage

You cannot loose any thing by confessing all – I wish to have your solemn declaration that your conduct has either been or not been exceptionable towards the girls in this house or not. Write all you have done and sign your name to it addressed to me – It shall be sacred – If you have committed murder (which of course I do not ~~believe~~ think) – confess that only to God – Any thing else affecting the Mission, I desire you to confess; if you be truly penitent you will not hesitate to do it – May God forgive you for Christ's sake. Amen

again Your Freind
(Signed) T. S. Savage

I wish you to give me a paper stating the instances of crime, that I may send it to the Board – It of course will be sacred with them –

No. 3

Mr Thomson

You had better come down and appear about the house as usual – It will be necessary for you to make preparations to leave – And this will take up some days – My advice is that you disappear and go to some of the West India Islands – Perhaps to Demarara and there endeavour to get into some business – and establish your character anew – Let your family remain here – Mrs. T. be engaged in the Mission, till you shall think it proper for her or shall be able at some future day to unite – Seek constantly in agonizing prayer, and brokenness of spirit pardon from your offended God through the atoning blood of his Blessed Son, and endeavour to be useful with an amended life in some other calling and country –

You therefore, had ~~be~~ better appear immediately, and talk over the matter and make up your accounts and such arrangements as will enable at once to carry into effect some plan for the future –

Your freind
(Signed) T. S. S

No. 4

Mr Thomson

Your letter has been received & duly noted – You have long had my forgiveness for any wrong you may conceive to have done me personally

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A. Letter Books

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