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Dear Madame Rodichon,

I am happy to be able to report that £10-0-0 is ready for you, of the sum wh^{ch} you so kindly advanced at the beginning of our work - & I shall be very happy to pay it to you ~~wh^{ch}~~ as soon as I hear to whom you w^{ld} wish it paid - These instalments are very cheering, as they come in - & I have been very pleased to hear from Miss Corlett that the ladies who went out from Ireland, besides remitting £11-0-0 to us, have sent about £20 to Ireland - so that shews they are doing well - Miss Streeter, one of the ladies who went out to Sydney, first of all, has now paid back £15 out of £20 that was advanced to her - & her brother told me, when he brought the last remittance that she had been in the receipt of £60 a year, ever since she had been out there - And this was a poor little thing wh^{ch} she had been trying to get any situation for six months, before she left - I am busy at present in trying to get agents established, in most of the provincial towns

so as to ensure a personal report from some competent person, of an applicants looks, manners, home, &c - all of wh^{ch} are such valuable indications of character and training - An agent such as I should wish for, w^d be an intelligent lady, able to perceive character quickly, & with a good practical standard - likely to see, & appreciate energy & industry under an unattractive exterior - Miss Davies has given me letters to Newcastle, Durham, Brighton, Torquay & Caerleon - & Mr^r Webber to Ilfracombe & Ildeonards - If you could give me an introduction to any other towns, I should be much obliged - But I only want to have thoroughly shrewd, practical women - for an incompetent agent w^d be worse than none, as I should of course depend a good deal on her report - I must have them in all parts, as applications come in from all parts of the United Kingdom - & one w^d not wish to entail a longer journey than necessary on the applicant - I sh^d propose to request every applicant to call upon the Society's agents, so that there w^d be no fatigue or expense connected with the post, & very little trouble - as applications do not pour in so very

frequently - probably months might elapse, without an agent being called on to see any one - nor do I propose to publish the agents' names in the report, as that w^d for many reasons be unnecessary & even undesirable - In compliance with your excellent suggestion regarding the colonial Bishops, I have written to the Bp. of Sydney, who is now in England, for his name - & as soon as I get his answer, the report can be printed, for the proofs are quite ready - I am glad to say we have got Sir W. a Beckett's name as one of our patrons - wh^{ch} is a very good thing - You will be pleased to hear that letters have been received from Miss Pyle off Pernambuco, up to wh^{ch} time all had gone well - she was as well as c^d be expected from the heat, she said - the letters were very short, & contained no details at all - extracts have been sent by Mr^r Webber to the papers, & have appeared in the Times & Standard - I met at Mr^r P. Taylors the editor of the globe & his wife, who spoke very kindly of the work, & offered to insert anything I might send - so I am going to give them an extract from

our Sydney correspondent's letter, in which
she mentions having concluded engagements
for several governesses at £100 a year,
& some at £70, & some at £80.
I thought it wd^d show people that such
places were to be had, & induce them to go -
for I shall be glad to get hold of a rather better
class of governess, if possible, for Sydney -
our correspondent asks for them, so emphati-
cally -

I am very glad you are so well - & hope
your sister also is growing stronger - I
wrote to Miss Blythe some little time
ago, but have not yet had an answer from
her - Do you know anyone at Auckland
New Zealand? for there are two very highly re-
commended ladies going out there - the end
of this month, & we have no correspondent
there - so I am beating about for introductions.
Pray remember me to Dr^r Rodichon, &
with kind regards to yourself believe me
Y^r very truly
J. A. Sewin