

Hochkirch, Victoria, Australia, on December 30, 1892.

Highly esteemed, dear colleague in office!

I received your postcard asking about the former Leipzig missionaries in Australia at the time, and I now want to answer it as best as I can. The names of the missionaries, whose whereabouts are being inquired about, are as follows in order:

1) Christ. Gottlob Teichelmann,

a missionary to the natives in Adelaide, South Australia, for a number of years. After the natives had died out, he served as a German pastor for a few years, and eventually became a farmer. He died in 1888 at the age of 80 years.

2) Clamor Wilhelm Schürmann (the writer of the letter)

was sent out with the aforementioned in 1838, served as a missionary in Adelaide for 2 years, was sent to Port Lincoln by the government in 1840 as a protector and interpreter, and in 1845, at the advice of the mission directors, went to Encounter Bay to assist Missionary Meyer. After the mission in Australia was discontinued and the latter took over a pastoral office, he was again called to Port Lincoln as a protector and interpreter for the government. Initially, he was appointed to Hochkirch in 1853, where he has since been performing his duties.

3) August Meyer,

sent to Encounter Bay in 1940, was appointed as the pastor of the local Lutheran congregation in Bethanien in the late 1940s, where he worked with great blessing until his death in 1861 and gathered and served numerous congregations in the surrounding area.

He had become very overweight, but was never truly healthy. His death, which he had long anticipated, occurred so suddenly in his sleep that his wife, although resting in the same bed, did not notice anything and only realized he had passed away when she was woken up and called for breakfast. His memory remains a blessing to this day.

4) Sam. Klose

was sent out with Meyer at the same time, served as a missionary for several years, then as a pastor in Adelaide for a few years, until he died in old age, very poor and as a farmer, several years ago. He, like Teichelmann, had married an English woman, which did not sit well with the serious work being done in

German communities.

5) Ernst Appelt,

who moved from India to Australia as a result of the caste conflict there, was the pastor of the Dutton community and several other daughter communities for many years. He died a few years ago at a ripe old age, after having spent several years as a widower.

6) Friedrich Meischel,

who came to Australia from India for the same reason and at the same time as the latter, was a pastor in Adelaide for several years, was soon called to Mount Gambier by the local congregation there, until he moved to a small estate in the countryside with his only son a few years before his death.

Finally, completely impoverished, he went with his aged and extremely weakened wife to Pastor Oster in Rosenthal, where the wife passed away in January and the pastor in March of 1883.

He was a very determined and steadfast man, who was probably never swayed by either fear of people or the desire to please them.

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I was quite pleased to once again hear a voice from the society that sent me here with a colleague, much against my wishes, as I would have much rather gone to India or China at the time, knowing full well the state of the indigenous people of Australia and the costs it would entail to colonize and missionize among them. But God has arranged it this way and everything turned out well. (Your esteemed name has been well-known to me for many years, as I regularly received and read the Leipzig Missionary Bulletin for our 'Lutheran Church Messenger' until I became blind and retired from the dear, blessed Senior Schwarz. If my memory serves me correctly, you were the head of the seminary in Porniar or Tranquebar for years, but I could be mistaken, due to my old age.)

It's doubtful whether the above brief remarks about the sleeping people will suffice for your purposes, but I don't dare to expand on them, so as not to inadvertently introduce untenable arguments.

If you'd be so kind as to send me a letter (or a postcard) about your current situation, I'd be very pleased. I've never forgotten the old, beloved company, even though we Australians, with Missouri, are moving forward into our new, free circumstances, while the overly bound German state churches are lagging behind. The incense-scented Berlin state church system is becoming increasingly repugnant, despite its deep-rooted traditions.

With a warm fraternal greeting from the Antipodes.

Your

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