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## CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Cunningham has left for England by the "Monterey," and will not be back until December. The Editor had intended to close the correspondence which ran up to last month, subject to his right of reply, but Mr. Cunningham in a personal letter made a few brief remarks which, just before he left, he authorized the Editor to condense and print as his final comments, as he had no time to go into the subject as fully as he had intended. Mr. Cunningham remarked that Miss Woodhouse is right in one thing, and that is that he had taken her letter up wrongly. As Miss Woodhouse had mentioned the missionary period and settlement schemes in the same sentence, he read into the sentence "missionary settlement schemes," not "colonial companies' settlement schemes." "Therefore," says Mr. Cunningham, "the closing date '1850' is wrong," and he himself would revert to "1840," which according to the Cambridge History of the British Empire was the time when the missionary influence on the development of the country began to be overshadowed by the influence of established Government. There is no actual necessity for the use of the descriptive phrase, and the heading, "New Zealand—History—to 1840" could be used.

Mr. Cunningham's remarks were necessarily brief, quite hasty, and not originally intended for publication, but it is believed that the above statement accurately represents his intention.

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Sir,—

It was interesting to read Mr. Cunningham's reply to Mr. Wilson and myself in the March

number of "New Zealand Libraries," but I think he must have read my letter hastily, as he seems to have got his dates somewhat mixed. "Miss Woodhouse points out," he says, "that the period of missionary influence extended to 1850." If he will look at my letter, as printed beside his reply, he will see that I did not say anything so rash. What I did point out was that "missionary influence" extended beyond 1840, and that many settlement schemes were put into practice after 1850, the dates he had given in his original article. It is just because one cannot put a closing date to either of these, as one can do with, for instance, the Crown Colony period, that I do not think they are suitable to use as period subdivisions of New Zealand history.

The point is of some importance, as Mr. Cunningham has used the 1850 date in his amended list of subject headings, and I can imagine people puzzling their heads over it, and saying "Why 1850?" It is a nice, round, mid-century date, but it does not mark the close of missionary influence. The Church Missionary Society was operating in New Zealand at least until 1883, when the conduct of the Maori Mission was handed over to a New Zealand Church Missionary Board, with, thereafter, a gradually decreasing amount of financial support from the parent society in England. The Methodist Church had made a similar arrangement some time earlier, in 1865.

As to the possible "general treatise of early colonial schemes," which Mr. Cunningham is anxious about, the subject-heading could quite well be "New Zealand—Immigration and emigration," with a reference also under a heading which the Turnbull Library has found useful, namely, colonial companies.—I am, etc.,

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