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motives, and to the important truths which I humbly
trust God is in infinite mercy preparing us to
tell them. Their Attachment to us will also be stronger
for we have already had a proof of this. During
the last trying winter, besides the ten children which
have been clothed and fed at the expense of the
Society many sick persons have been occasionally
relieved. The nativesⁱⁿ the rainy weather can
catch no fish and many of them die for want
of nourishment. The fever foot is dry and insipid
after it has been laid up some time. I conjecture
it lays upon the stomach whilst it occasions
an inflammation. The poor creatures think
cold water for they have no notion of the danger^(a)
of doing so, and thus hasten their death. When
they come to us for relief we cannot turn them
away. Since the winter the Attachment of the
natives towards us is more conspicuous. Many
of them come upon the Lord's Day to the winter
Service and singing.

(a) The natives, ascribe every thing to Utua that gives them
pain