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what I shall do, when the mission is finally settled,  
when the missionaries sail from Port Jackson, &c.  
nothing prevent them, I shall press upon their minds  
as much as possible the necessity of industry; and  
shall direct Mr. Kendall to devote his time and talents  
to the instruction of the natives, and their children  
and to the obtaining of a knowledge of their language  
so as to commit it to writing - and Messrs. Hall  
and King to employ themselves in Agriculture and  
the mechanics. By Agriculture and the simple Arts  
the natives will gradually be prepared for divine  
instruction. The mission at Atahite has suffered greatly  
from every one doing what was right in his own  
eyes - and has been the cause of much uneasiness amongst  
themselves - Had some been appointed to teach, and others  
to follow Agriculture or any other useful Employment  
it would have been much better. Without men's duty  
is pointed out to them, they acquire habits of idleness  
and are more exposed to Temptation, and Danger -  
This should be guarded against as much as possible. An  
Idle man, tho' he may be pious, yet he is a dangerous  
member in a small Society, as he will always be dissatisfied.