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27 concerns, and to promote our plans. To such a Society we shall give largely, and have authorized Mr. Marsden to draw annually for a considerable sum on its formation.

The prospects with respect to New Zealand are opening greatly before us, so far as we can judge of the matter, W. Hall ought to have followed Mr. Marsden's direction and to have gone thither. Do what you can, my good friend, to heal matters. They may think Mr. Marsden harsh with them. Should even you think him so, yet recollect what I said to you earnestly when here, and consider who and what he is, and what a weight of service lies on him, and how needful that due character is to the discharge of his important duty. Bear and forbear in every thing. Help on good, and check evil, with all your might. "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." I fear there is much obstinacy in William Hall, and perhaps not a little self-interest. I say this in entire confidence to you. If he and John King refuse to go to New Zealand, when the way is open, no blessing will attend them. Let me intreat you to guard against being influenced by any representations to the prejudice of Mr. Marsden or others. Be you a steady and determined peace-maker: and may God give you a persevering and growing zeal for the salvation of the heathen. I fear the love which Hall and King once seemed to have for the heathen is gone!

I am ever Yours, with kind regards  
to your wife

(signed) Josiah Pratt

I have sent a set of the Christian Guardian, the Evangelical Magazine, and the Methodist, from the beginning of 1813, & shall continue them for all your use.