

I admire your conciliatory spirit toward Mr. Hall, may God ever, by his grace, maintain and increase that spirit in you!

Your account of New Zealand excites ardent expectations & hope in my mind, that God will condescend to employ us and you as instruments of conveying eternal blessings to that noble race. Go on, my dear friend, in the strength of the Lord, possessing your soul in patience, and quietly labouring till your evening of rest shall come. There is no greater honour than to be ^{employed} in increasing Christ's Kingdom among men; and especially among the Gentiles.

You feel the want of a regular authority as a clergyman: but let not that trouble you. You may do every thing in a heathen land, under the character of a catechist, except the administering of the sacraments, and the time may come, at no great distance, when we may send out some Lutheran clergy to your aid, who may admit you, according to the authority which their Church vests in them, to Holy Orders, if that should be found necessary. But my counsel to you is, to go on contentedly, doing the work in which you can consistently engage.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

with unfeigned regard,

Yours
Josiah Pratt