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dwellings. This is however a trial which must be borne, and you will, my dear Sir, be peculiarly gratified with the intelligence of our prospects bidding fair in other respects. "God has in his abundant mercy given us favor in the sight of the New Zealanders upon our first appearance amongst them" God's Holy Word has been introduced amongst them, and His truths rehearsed altho' as yet in an unknown tongue. The light it is true is faint and glimmering; but He who is the Father of lights can give the word and it shall increase like the twilight which is succeeded by the rising sun.

A friendly intercourse has been established along the eastern coast of New Zealand with the Natives for a distance of two hundred miles. In our little settlement there are none of us as far as I can learn under the least apprehensions respecting our personal safety. We have lived some weeks in a Hut which the natives prepared for our reception previous to our disembarkation without any on doors. It is worthy of remark that the aged chief Tera who had been at variance with the people of Apooona several years, never coming near them, lately came over from Kororakihia to assist in building our houses.

Amongst men who manifest such a particular desire to