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68 Mr. Marsden has been very busy here and the Society will find his Accounts of the different places he has visited very interesting. Mr. Marsden and I are upon good terms at present, but there are some points in which I am constrained to differ from him. My colleagues Mr. Hall and Mr. King are also dissatisfied as they have always been with his conduct towards them, and I am sorry to observe that for this very reason they write with much reluctance to the Society. This is a grief; yet I do not see how the case can be remedied. I believe Mr. Marsden's motive to be good as it respects the natives of New Zealand. There are many excellencies in his character. And I believe there is no other person in New South Wales more active in behalf of the Heathen, or so well qualified to manage the affairs of the Society; but he is always in a hurry, and I wish he paid more attention to arrangement and system. When I left England I was taught to expect that Mr. Marsden was strictly exact in his transactions, but I have found it to be otherwise. He scarce commits any thing to paper. He is slovenly in many things. And altho' he has a disposition to serve every man yet for the foregoing reasons he gives great offence to many. The faults and imperfections of public characters are often visible, and I know that Christians are too apt to expect too much from one another, and I have on this account made no complaint to the Committee.