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to mention. We could not well attend to their education at first if they had embarked with us, and it is some consolation to reflect that when they are they are safe and happy.

The climate at New Zealand is more temperate and apparently much more salubrious than at New South Wales. There are no hot winds in the former as there are in the latter place. The thermometer has varied during our residence from 53° to 73° and this at New Midsummer.

The interesting remarks which Mr Peate will receive from Mr Maudslayi will render any of my own unnecessary at this time. It is my intention to write fully to him by the next. My friend Mr Nichols who came out with me as a settler in the Earl Spencer, and who embarked with Mr Maudslayi as his companion to this place will write to Robt Maudslayi Esq. Doughty Street by the conveyance. Mr Peate will be favoured with his observations.

I have had two severe fits of sleep since I had the pleasure of seeing you last, but I bless God I am in good health at present. Neither in my family have suffered any material inconvenience from our different passages by sea. We have generally been as happy as in our home in London.

I am making a little progress in the New Zealand language. Had I an Oratorical Missionary with me he would assist me very much. The language of both Islands is essentially the same.