

Rev. Samuel Marsden to Secretary

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Rev. Sir!

Dec. 27/15, by the Sydney Packet.

Jan. 5/16, by the Sir W. Bingley

J. M. Hocken.

The following lines are rather of a private than a public nature - I wrote to you some time ago, and stated my opinion of Messrs Kendall, Hall & King. I have seen no reason to change my good opinion of Mr Kendall - I think him a very valuable man for the situation ~~he~~ he now is in. Mr Hall has given me more satisfaction since he has got upon his station than I ever had before. His wife is a most excellent woman. I have seen few equal to her for patient good nature and industry, and she loves the best things. Mr King is now recovered and I hope he will go on well. He was unhappy before he entered upon the work, but now he is very content - Mr Kendall left his two daughters at Port Jackson - I fully approved of his doing this - till such times as he was settled and able to judge whether or no it would be proper for his daughters to live in New Zealand - They are boarders with the matron of the Female Orphan House - On my Application to the Committee, they were kind enough to allow them to be admitted into the House - I believe their board expenses

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amounts to £ 35. per annum. £ 20. of this sum is paid by your Society. Perhaps in the present case, the Society would pay the whole, if mentioned to them.

with respect to the Narrative I have sent for the information of the Society, it has been written in very great haste within the last few days, and in the midst of much public business. I do not think that I shall have time to look it over since it has been copied, but must send it with all its errors, and mistakes. I can only say it contains facts, as they took place, tho' simply related, and will give some idea of this noble race of men, for whose welfare I have felt much concern for many years. I shall leave you and the Society to make what use you may in your joint wisdom think proper of what I have said relative to these people.

many pleasing circumstances occurred while I was amongst them, which time will not allow me to mention. I left them fully satisfied in my own mind, that much had been done in a few weeks towards laying the foundation for their improvement. when the Active returns, I shall be able then to write more fully, my sentiments of any future measures which may appear to me necessary for the Society to adopt relative to the Island of New Zealand

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I should wish to act with great Caution. The most
venerable undertakings; meet with strong opposition -
The Jews & Israelites could not build the walls of
Jerusalem, without holding the sword in one hand,
and the Trowel in the other - If we attempt even
in these few Days, to build the walls of Jerusalem
we must expect to meet with the same Spirit of
Opposition. I have met with hard contests in ~~digging~~
Digging the foundation, and laying the first stone,
for the Christian Church in New Zealand, but still
the building will go on - I believe the work to be
of God - it has gone on slowly, yet, but progressively -
I have not had the means till lately to make the
Attempt, tho I have wished most ardently to see the
work begun. If the public Prejudice had not been so
strong against the natives of this Island, the difficulty
and expences of furnishing the Settlement would not
have been so great. This Island offers a large field
for the Exercise of Christian benevolence, and missionary
Labors. Had I been a few years younger, and circum-
stances would have allowed me to follow my own
inclination, I should have fixed my Habitation
amongst these People. but this cannot be now -
I intend when the Active returns for her to visit Otahute
where the Brethren are belonging to the London
Missionary Society, and see how they are situated.
These missionaries have suffered many Privations
and have been greatly discouraged in their
work, for want of being more frequently visited -
I think the Active would answer for both

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Societies - A vessel must be employed for New Zealand
for reasons stated in my public letter. but she might
visit the other missionaries at the same time and I have
no doubt but the London missionary Society would bear
any reasonable Expense for the Comfort of their
missionaries who are now labouring with much success
amongst the Heathen there. I cannot tell what the
~~annual~~ annual Expense would be to support a
vessel besides the Returns she would make. I think
it would not be more than five hundred Pounds, at
first her annual, and it might be less, or nothing
at all. The Returns of her Cargo might defray the
whole. I would pledge myself that she should not
exceed £500 for both Societies. At the same time
it would be prudent to ensure the Active for that
Service. - Her first Cost was £1100 Sterling, and her
outfit was about £500 more, as she was nearly
disappointed with stores at the time I purchased her.
I shall have occasion to write to Mr. Bunker, and
shall mention the above to him. will you have
the goodness to ensure the Active on my Account, and
let me know the amount of the Expense. I value
her in her present state at £1500.

I am

Dear Sir

yours affectionately

Rev. J. Pratt

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