

in their hands. We entered the enclosure and were placed on the seats on each side the pulpit. Koro Koro marched his men and placed them on my right hand in the rear of the Europeans and Quattera placed his men on the left. The inhabitants of the Town with the Women and Children and a number of other chiefs formed a circle round the whole. A very solemn silence prevailed! the sight was truly impressive! I got up and began the service with singing the old hundred Psalm, and felt my very soul melt within me when I received my congregation and considered the state we were in. After reading the service during which the natives stood up and sat down at the signal given by the motion of Koro Koro's switch which was regulated by the movements of the Europeans. It being Christmas day I preached from the 2<sup>d</sup> Chapter of St. Lukes Gospel and 10<sup>th</sup> Verse. "Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy &c" The natives told Quattera they co. not understand what I meant; He replied they were not to mind that now for they wo. understand by and bye, and that he wo. explain my meaning as far as he co. When that done preaching he informed them what I had been talking about, Quattera was very much pleased that he had been able to make all the necessary preparations for the performance of divine service in so short a time, and we felt much obliged to him for his attention. He was extremely anxious to convince us that he wo. do every thing for us that lay in his power and that the good of his country was his principal consideration. In the above manner the gospel has been introduced into New Zealand, and I fervently pray that the glory of it may never depart from its inhabitants till time shall be no more! When the service was over we returned on board much gratified with the reception we had met with, and we co. not but feel the strongest persuasion that the time was at hand when the glory of the Lord wo. be revealed to these poor benighted heathens,