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her home she might leave it - say on New Years
Day annually, and after visiting New Zealand,
might touch at every missionary Station belong to
whatever Society it might, among the Islands; and
might then visit also such Stations on the coasts of
China and India, and in Ceylon, and the Islands
of the Indian Archipelago; and perhaps pay a
second visit to New Zealand before she made Port
Jackson: or, if she could not do this so as to ^{be} ready for
starting on the next New Years Day, or if more than
two visits annually to New Zealand should be found
expedient, then either the Active might be still
kept for that express purpose, or a smaller vessel
might be procured. I should propose that all freights
of missionaries goods whatever be free; and that
missionaries be charged nothing for passage, but
simply for their maintenance. When the regularity
of the "missionary's" arrival at every station came
to be felt, year after year, Port Jackson would become
a depot of the Scriptures and Tracts in various
languages of the East and of the Islands, sent thither
by the Public Societies, in order to their dispersion on
the coasts where they would be understood & received.

You had I set myself down to imagine
such a plan, it might have seemed a wild-goose
scheme; but when such designs are put into the hearts
of munificent Christians, it is but natural for us
to try to give them the best direction.

We are in expectation of the report of
your visit to New Zealand, and have the best hopes
that it will confirm our zeal in behalf of that noble