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J. Pratt to Messrs Hall and King, 18 August 1815

C.M. House,

London, August 18/15

Dear Friends,

I wrote you last on the 18th Dec/1814. Mr Hall's of Oct 4th to Mr Smith was received by me in February last. His account of New Zealand much pleased us. You are before this time, we trust, settled there.

I refer you to my last for some friendly counsel concerning the spirit and temper in which you should act. May our Heavenly Master bestow his grace upon you both, and on all belonging to you. God will be with you, if you look to Him with humble hearts.

We shall be glad to receive ample accounts of your proceedings – the fuller the better. You will see by the Missionary Register a large account of our own and of other Societies. You will see that great things are doing upon earth. The Newspapers which we send will inform you of the wonderful events which are passing in Europe. The greatest victory [f] which has been gained in modern times was obtained by us, and the Prussians on Sunday the 18th of June. The consequence has been that Buonaparte is our prisoner and is now on his way to S^t Helena to be kept there for life.

All these things God will overrule and direct to the advancing of his own glory. Let us, my good Friends, count it our highest to be his willing instruments, and strive to make known to the poor Heathen our Saviours name. You cannot preach,

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as some of us are called to do; but your tempers and lives will speak powerfully. All around you will be judges of them. Oh strive and pray then, that you may be enabled to maintain a holy Heavenly character. Live much in prayer. Be constant in the reading of the Scriptures. Bring up your children in the nurture & admonition of the Lord. Tell all around of your Saviour. Speak of their guilt and misery, and of their need of Christ and of his power & willingness to save. Urge them to pray for the teaching of the Holy Spirit; and to look up to God as a kind and gracious Father in Christ: and let your own loving and mild and disinterestedness tempers show the power of Grace on your own hearts.

Farewell! God be ever with you!

I am affect[ionate]ly yours

(Signed) Josiah Pratt