

we could do without one. I believe he is in the hands of Providence a great means of our preservation. The attention of the Nation is much diverted from our houses by the working of the South. With a Blacksmith of good character, I dare venture to reside in almost any part of New Zealand.

The parties who visit us from distant quarters go away satisfied. We trade with them as well as we can. None are sent empty away.

I expect we shall have many visitors the ensuing Summer. By means of the parties who came last year from the Thames, the news of our settling here must have reached a great way into the interior.

Be pleased to present my dutiful regards to our Honorable Committee and remember me kindly to the Society of Clergymen.