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The Society will not, I apprehend, multiply its settlements here as it does in Africa, because there is not so large a field. In time, however, I think it would be right to make some attempt where the great body of the people live. I shall make all the enquiries I can, and be as correct in my reports as my acquaintance with the language and means of information will permit. In the mean time I indulge the hope that the committee will continue the management of its affairs in its own and Mr Marsden's hands & afford him all needful support and not suffer him to sink under his present burden. I am confident he will as to the grand object do the best he can. Altho' Africa and Asia are extensive fields for Missions, yet the funds of the Society, yet the Gospel must be preached in all Nations, and when the character and situation of the New Zealanders are considered, and such fields in the Pacific Ocean are whitening