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Mr Kendall to the Rev. Basil Wood

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Rev. and Dear Sir,

By the Divine care and goodness I and my

family have been preserved in peace and safety nearly two
years at New Zealand, and altho' my time has hitherto been
very much occupied in mechanical pursuits yet I bless God
I have with the assistance of Mr. Fairbairn been enabled to
attend to my main object "the instruction of the children".
I send you a copy of the New Zealanders First Book, not knowing
whether Mr. Marsden forwarded any of them to Mr. Pratt at
the time they were printed. Defective as it is I think you
will be glad to see it. And as I know you will feel yourself
interested in every thing that relates to the Society's school
which I have the honor and happiness to superintend, I shall
feel a pleasure as it pleases Almighty God to spare me
with life, in transmitting through your hands to the
Honorable Committee such remarks respecting it
from time to time as maybe calculated to show
its state, and commence by observing that on

Monday the 12th day of August last which was the Birth Day of the Prince Regent the School was opened for the reception of the Native Children. From the enclosed "List" you will learn the names, and number of Children which have been admitted. At Day break or a little after they were and are taught their lessons in the alphabet and monosyllables &c. They then generally leave the school and repair to the rivers or bush in pursuit of fish, fowls, coots &c. and return in the evening, and after repeating their lessons retire to rest. They are so very lively and playful that it is not easy to gain their attention. But these obstacles will I have no doubt be surmounted in time. The Native being this voyage bound for St. Johns instead of returning to Port Jackson as usual, and Mr. Marden being unacquainted with the Progress of the school we have it not in our power to contribute any thing towards its support, but when I have the pleasure of hearing from him and he sends us some supplies for the school, I trust we shall be enabled to arrange it better and keep the children

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in the Day time, at least those that are very young. We can
never collect them together regularly every day, or keep them
after they are collected without we have vituals to give them.
A portion of rice or any thing that can be procured at a
low price at Pat Jackson with such other necessary provisions
as we can obtain from the natives will do very well
provided there is no private Trade carried on amongst
us, and the settlement is put upon a regular ration, as
the surplus of the pork, potatoes, &c. might then go towards
the support of the school. But if private trade is carried
on, and persons here import articles of Barter from England
or Pat Jackson exclusive of what is sent for the general
support of the settlement, we must depend chiefly upon
receiving supplies for the school from Pat Jackson. Some
trifling articles to present as rewards occasionally to these
poor children would have a good effect. The authority
of a teacher must be maintained and his influence
promoted amongst the children under his care. The heart
which God has graciously filled with compassion for the
heathen will bear with patience their rude manners,
but will desire nevertheless to improve them. When

a teacher amongst the heathen (for it could not be endured in civilized society) is surrounded by a number of children, and perhaps while one is repeating his lesson, another will be playing with his feet, another taking away his hat, and another his book, and all this in a friendly manner, he cannot be angry at them, yet it requires some study how to introduce a salutary discipline; and this is what we want here. And it is our opinion that a judicious distribution of rewards according to merit will tend to conciliate the children, attach them to us, promote their industry and attention, and induce them to take greater notice of our mild reproofs when they disobey us.

It is remarkable that amongst our applicants for the greatest number are females, and as we cannot reject the Boys both sexes are therefore together at present. This is a serious inconvenience which I trust we shall shortly have it in our power to remedy, but it can not well be done now. I expect the Active from Otahite every day, and that my colleague Mr Carlisle will leave me for a time, and I shall be alone, I must wait with patience until he returns with his family. He will

then assist me to keep the Boys apart from the Girls. Another school House must be built, and I trust my friend Mr Marsden will give instructions to this effect

I beg leave to refer you to my letter to Mr Pratt for particulars not noticed here; You will, and I believe all my friends near you will rejoice with me at the opening prospects of useful work amongst the noble race. I trust the Society will be the means, under God, of raising the People of New Zealand from their low degraded condition by reason of their ignorance of Him, and of conferring eternal blessings upon many.

When I left London, it was expected I should reside at New South Wales for a term of three years before I embarked again for this place, I had therefore no particular instructions from Mr Pratt how I was to support a school here, neither has Mr Marsden expressed himself fully, to me upon this subject. At present, now I have every thing wary, as I have mentioned above, my hands are completely tied up. Through the perverseness of the Smith I have not been able to obtain a single

article of trade for some months past either for my self or
 to purchase a little fish or fern root for those poor children
 that are about me. I write to Mr Pratt by this conveyance
 recommending him to send all the Supplies of Trade which
 he can from England provided he can procure a conveyance
 We can not get a regular supply of Axes &c. from Port
 Jackson and except we can always have trade in hand,
 I am afraid our usefulness will be checked exceedingly.
 You can assist me greatly by putting Mr Pratt and
 the Committee in mind of the real necessity of attending
 to my observations. I think the School at least can be
 provided for without hurting the feelings of Mr Marsden
 to whom great credit is due, but who alas! is so
 overwhelmed with cares that I cannot really expect
 he can afford me steady support. I believe also
 Mr Marsden is greatly imposed upon by the People
 of Port Jackson in many articles he sends out to
 us, as he is in the box last sent out.

I desire to bless God that I and my family still continue
 to enjoy a good state of health. I had a hard struggle for

my life a few months ago, but the conflict has been
warper within me. Satan has been at hand. His
first object has been to divide, and then to destroy.

But the Lord Jesus has been mindful of his work
and will not suffer it to fall to the ground. My Dear Sir
I trust you will still continue to remember me at
the Throne of Grace. I am utterly unworthy of the
favours which the Lord in his rich mercy has been pleased
to confer upon me. and am, Brod and Dear Sir

Rev. Basil Woodd
Puddington — } Your faithful servant
Thos. Hindle

substantive articles to present as rewards
Fish Hooks, Beads, combs for the Hair, Scarlet and
Yellow coloured Roasted Binding (broad). Common Earrings
and rings with and without Stones of various colours.
Clasp Knives (Large) Scissors (Large). Plane Iron, Broad
Chisels firmers. Three square files. Thimbles, Needles,
Knitting needles, Boys whistles, Bird calls. Or any
other Toys that will take little room (made of Iron)

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