

for the use of the school. The Queen Charlotte was upon the point of sailing from Port Jackson at the time Mr Marsden received our letters informing him of the state of the settlement and the school, yet he sent me some Rice and abundance of fish Hooks and needles for the school. The welcome news was soon published throughout the neighbourhood and the native children assembled together and manifested their joy by singing and dancing. They immediately repaired to the school house where they remain day and night; repeat their lessons with cheerfulness and are content with what is given to them.

The Society will, I am confident, be highly gratified with our present prospects, and will rejoice with thanksgiving to hear, that, after so many impediments have been thrown in the way of their benevolent designs in favor of New Zealand, there are within six months after the commencement of the school no less than sixty children which constantly attend, and that in this number, seventeen Orphans and six Slaves are made daily partakers of their bounty. I believe the number of scholars may be increased considerably.

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