

in supporting the school I shall be as frugal as possible. A great  
 deal of money might be laid out upon the children all  
 at once, but I do not really think it necessary. I am of  
 opinion that to aim at a "gradual improvement of their  
 condition", or in other words to encourage them to improve  
 themselves the Society will find by far the best way. With  
 an handful or two of potatoes daily, and occasionally a  
 fish hook the children do at present very well. When we  
 have no potatoes we must allow them some rice. We must  
 also patiently overlook many things now which if it please  
 Almighty God to prosper our efforts we shall find it our duty  
 hereafter, <sup>to attempt</sup> to improve and correct both in their dress, customs,  
 manners and even morals. When the Word of God shall  
 be introduced amongst them, and sound in their  
 ears, that will form the foundation for all that is excellent  
 to be built upon, and while things of no less importance  
 in their place are kept in our view, it will be well to  
 direct our attention chiefly to such things as may  
 assist in the attainment of this greatest of all  
 objects, procuring for the people of New Zealand this