

Mr Thomas Kendall to Rev. John Williams

Rec^d June 24/18, by Mr Moore, by the Harriet

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Rev^d and Dear Sir

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And Dec 14/18 by the Baring

Your Letter bearing date Dec. 28th 1815 reached me

on the 22nd of May last, and it gives me great pleasure to learn that you have been called to the care of the Church of St Catherine Cree, where you have an opportunity of enlarging your sphere of usefulness. I pray that the presence and blessing of our common Lord may attend you in all your labours, that you may be the chosen instrument of dealing out the Bread of life to the hungry, that the poor also of your flock may have reason to bless you, and that you may be long spared for the spiritual and eternal benefit of many souls.

I have now been two years and nine months amongst the New Zealanders, who, I am happy to say, generally approve of the Church Missionary settlement being established upon their Island. Their behaviour to the Missionary Settlers has been upon the whole much better than we could reasonably have expected, considering their deplorable state, and our prospects of usefulness bid fair every succeeding year. It will, as you justly observe, be a subject for rejoicing to us all if it pleases God to enable us to "break up a little of the fallow ground". This I expect, is all that will be done for some years to come: yet it is pleasing to observe the least improvement. When I