

Alternately by myself & Mess^{rs} Hale and King. We also meet on the Wednesday evening for the purpose of reading the Holy Scriptures and Prayer. Many Natives attend on the Sunday. The service is performed in the School House.

From the above statement you will perceive how we are going on, and I doubt not, will rejoice at the most distant prospect of this dark region, so long unknown, being favoured with the light of the glorious Gospel. I need not caution you against being too sanguine in your expectations. Means must be used, as you know, and the Divine Blessing must accompany those means which ensure success. Circumstances as the New Zealanders have been, and still are I need not attempt to lay before you any consideration as a ground to expect sudden importations & changes. It becomes me rather in my communications to you, and to my other friends to state such facts as may be calculated to excite you in your appeals in behalf of the Heathen to move the compassion of the Christian World. But here I am prevented, civilized Christian assembly could not bear to hear a variety of cases which might be recited to shew in what a sad state of captivity the great deceivers of mankind hold these poor people. In general it may be said of them as of all other heathens