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CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt to Thomas Kendall

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Church Missionary House, London

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My Dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 7th of June last, and have not since that time received any Letters from you. Am an expecting to hear every day.

We send you now the Investments as you have requested it; and hope that all will arrive safe.

We trust that the Prints which we send away not only amuse the New Zealanders, but In a considerable help to you in instructing them. The English Farm Yard may enable you to convey more ideas to their minds, then you could do by books only.

You will also receive a few [of] of each of the Registers to the present time. The Society is gradually increasing both in its exertions + in its moamirs [?]. We have just dismissed to their Luhams [?] a larger body of men than we ever before sent forth to the Heathen world. New Zealand is not forgotten; but the demands from other places meantime to be so urgent, that we are obliged first to supply them.

We have all been much affected + disturbed by the death of the Princess Charlotte, just after having delivered of a still born child. We have never known any event throw such a general gloom & depression over the whole nation.

The acting members have now been acustomed for nearly a year to meet together, every Saturday Eveng. at the Society's House , to pray for the success

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[?] of missionary Efforts. We regularly bring New Zealand [f] + our colonies there prayer before God. Our Bretheren in Africa + in India follow now this example; and we trust that you may be able to do the same in New Zealand. We are sure it will have a happy tendency to allay any differences that might harass + disturb you.

With Kind respects to Mrs. Kendall,

I am ever, Dear Sir

(Signed –) Josiah Pratt