

CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt to William Hall

Church Miss[ionar]y House London

Nov^r 17/ [18]17

Dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 7th of June, since which time, we have not heard from you.

We hope from M^r Marsden's letters, that we shall soon hear from you. We wish you to write regularly & frequently, for our friends as well as ourselves are anxious to know how you go on.

The cause of the society is gaining ground in every quarter of the Kingdom; & Christians daily feel more than ever that the true character of the Church of Christ is that of a Missionary Church. Hence an increasing interest is felt in all our Miss[ionar]y Stations. The register is continually search'd by many for tidings from New Zealand, M^r Marsden's narrative having excited great interest in behalf of the New Zealanders. Enable us then to communicate good tidings; if not of your success, yet, of your patient, promising, & faithful labours of love amongst them.

I am sorry to say, that the Navy Office will not allow us to send you the fowling piece & powder, which you have requested. If we are able, we shall be glad to send them by another opportunity. We send you a few registers, which will convey to you all the information you want concerning the Society.

We meet every Saturday Even[ing] to ask the divine blessing on Missionary Exertions. Our Missionaries in Africa & in India do the same & we should be [f]

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glad to hear that you were able to meet at the same time in New Zealand for the same purpose. It would, we are sure, tend to promote mutual union & love.

With kind regards to Mrs Hall

I am, Dear Sir

(Signed) Josiah Pratt