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Assistant Secretary to Rev. S. Marsden

sent by Rev. R. Hill

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Church Missionary House,  
London, Nov. 9/10

My dear Sir,

Mr Pratt being obliged to go to Birmingham  
this evening, I write a few lines by the Rev. Rich. Hill.

We have just had a full Committee Meeting this  
day for dismissing a ~~body~~ fresh body of labourers  
to New Zealand. Their names are as under

The Rev. John, & Mr. Butler, their son, & a child

Mr. Francis Hall, a truly good man,

Mr. James & Mr. Kemper, he is a Blacksmith  
has an excellent spirit.

Mr. Butler is an able, solid man, calculated to  
be at the head of the New Zealand Mission.

With them the Committee took leave also of  
Tooi & Leetsee. Their behaviour & character have won the  
hearts of all. They have now lived with me several  
months in the Society's House, & I never saw any im-  
propriety in their conduct, rather quite the reverse.  
We have had considerable difficulty in preserving  
their health, & fear that this colder climate has seriously  
injured it.

We hope that the whole Company consisting of  
nine persons will leave England in about a month  
in the Ship. Baring, Capt. Lamb. May the blessing  
of our God go with them & through His mercy may  
the New Zealanders embrace the Gospel nationally  
& generally as they have done in Otaheite.

Time will not allow me to say more,

I am,

ever faithfully & affectionately yours

(Signed)

E. Bickersteth