

soon as the Holy Scriptures are in print, or such parts of them, as, the general knowledge of which are essential to salvation, and the natives are taught to read them, a general blessing, in dependance upon the Divine Promises may then, and perhaps not before then, expected. Although the New Zealanders are exceedingly superstitious, and what Religion they profess is constituted of Poles the most horrible and offensive to an Englishman and a Christian, yet it certainly is a very encouraging circumstance that parents do not at all object to their children being instructed by us, they rather wish it, and the children themselves have always been ready to repeat their lessons when called upon, and have been kept in a state of discipline far superior to my expectations when we have had it in our power to give them an handful of victuals. You have, I have no doubt, been highly gratified with the accounts of the many children who have attended the Society's School. Those accounts, I do assure you, were correct, and I must say, that at the time they were written, notwithstanding my spirits were often ready to sink, by reason of the frequent troubles which afflicted this settlement, my heart was