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the present state of things in New Zealand. He did not call at the Bay of Islands, not being able to make the Eastern passage. Many friends regularly meet at the Society's House every Saturday Evening, to pray for the Divine Blessing on its Missions, & for the general success of the Gospel. You are not forgotten on these occasions. We wish our New Zealand Missionaries & Settlers to observe a similar practice, as is done in our other Missions.

Those who come out now have each a fowling-piece, & we have also sent one to replace Mr. Hall's. We are not allowed to send powder; & it is the less necessary, as we are informed that they can be supplied at New South Wales. We will thank you to give them such a quantity as they may need.

They are all furnished with provisions sufficient for a time after landing: their Salaries are, therefore, to take date from their entrance on their labours; you charging to the Society what may be expended on their account while in New South Wales, & for their passage from thence to New Zealand.

We rejoice at the prospect which your last letters hold out, of the Settlers soon growing their own wheat.

On the whole the Committee feel that they are called to much gratitude in the encouraging prospects of the very distant Mission of New Zealand. They thank you most sincerely for all your labour, self-denial, suffering, & anxiety on their account. They have no wish that you should personally suffer, from any expenses requisite to the prosperity of the Mission; & they leave the conduct of it in your hands. They think that you will find willing helpers in this in Mr. Hill & Mr. Crose.

May the great Head of the Church bless you, & your family, & your labours; & frustrate, in mercy, the designs of all who seek the overthrow of this endeavour to benefit the souls of the benighted New Zealanders.

We beg very kind remembrances to Mr. Marsden, & to Mr. Cartwright & Mr. Youl, with our other friends, and are ever,

Dear Sir,
very affectionately yours,
(Signed) Josiah Pratt
Edw. Bickersteth