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Let. to Mr John King (sent by the Baring) 108

Church Missionary House, London,

Dec^r 14/18

My Dear Sir

The Committee were gratified with your last ^{letter} ~~report~~ dated July 23/17. They are happy to see that you are now fairly engaged in your work; & they trust that you will steadily go on, in labouring for the good of the New Zealanders, united & at peace among yourselves, & disinterestedly seeking to forward the kingdom of Christ.

We are happy, at length, to be able to send a considerable reinforcement to the New Zealand Mission; at the head of which is a worthy & excellent clergyman.

The Committee are persuaded that you will receive these fresh labourers, with all cordiality; & ^{will} render them every assistance in your power, towards their being comfortably settled at the station where they will be fixed.

The Committee are glad to hear of the progress of the New Zealand boys in spinning. They hope you talk with them frequently on the love of Christ, & our great design in sending you among them.

We have sent one from Hittle for each family by this opportunity.

We are, Dear Sir,

Truly yours,

(Signed)

Michael Prater

Edward Bickerstaff