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Dear and Dear Sir
C. C. to Mr. M. N. n. 25/19

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I wish much to have your advice, I intend God willing to make an attempt to convert the adult natives, provided I continue here and no insurmountable impediment be thrown in my way. I acknowledge I am an unpolished tool and altogether unequal to the task, but I must say I never before in my life have had such fervent desires such longings for the conversion of the heathen as lately. I have been enabled on prayer to write and plead with my dear Saviour for them, telling him it was his own cause and if his kingdom was established here, it would be for his own glory. It has been strongly impress'd on my mind that unworthy as I am of this great honour yet God will bless my endeavours in promoting his cause. I think that something ought to be done for the adult natives, as well as carrying on the school which is an excellent institution - and ought not to be neglected. I see the adults are frequently slipping into Eternity in the miserable state they are in, and I pity them. I firmly believe that if the means made use of by our Lord and by him commanded to his Apostles namely preaching the glorious Gospel was used here, that the natives would gladly receive it. what a pity it is, it should be so long neglected. The want of a sufficient knowledge of the language to converse freely with the New Zealanders is to me a great but not insurmountable obstacle, as I depend entirely on God with him all things are possible. I wish to employ a converted and as intelligent a Dutcher, as I can get by way of an Interpreter, for the term of three years, but do not intend to put the society to any expense, but will take his maintenance on myself and pay him out of my own salary. In my first discourse I wish to tell them something of the being and perfections of God. his placing man in a state of holiness, and happiness in Paradise, in the garden of Eden. the obligations he was then under to love, honour, and obey him. Man's fall, and ours in him, since which our depravity by nature and total inability to help ourselves. - at the same time to open to them the glorious remedy provided in Christ, for punishing lost sinners, to call, invite, and intreat them to come and give up themselves to him, who bleed, and died, in order that sinners may be forgiven, and blessed by him here, and enjoy everlasting happiness with him hereafter. How far I am right I must leave with you Sir to judge. I shall be thankful if you will be so kind to let me know what you think of it, and any questions you are pleas'd to send to me will be received with great pleasure by

Yours most Oblig'd Servant
W. Carlisle.

P.S. The missionary settles are all well. the natives quiet, and the settlement improving, but much in want of trade, particularly the school. The stores not having arrived. W.C.