

good. A deep conviction & an abiding sense of this should be a powerful stimulus to fidelity, diligence, & zeal.

We are glad to find you have cultivated the study of the New Zealand Language, & hope it will be prosecuted with the utmost assiduity; as the success, to any considerable extent, of your labours to convey the glad tidings of a Saviour to the New Zealanders, must depend, under the blessing of God, on your ability to preach His Gospel to them in their "own tongue". We therefore particularly press this on you, as a duty of the first importance.

We mourn over the account which you give us of the state of Teeterree's mind. May the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who alone "ordereth the unruly wills, and affections of sinful men" convert him "from the error of his ways," & subdue his heart to "the obedience of faith!" By laying his case before your Heavenly Master in prayer, you have taken the most effectual means in your power to reclaim him. "Continue instant in prayer" on his behalf. We pray that the Holy Spirit may convince him of his pride & obstinacy, & unkind returns to his English friends for their offices of love. The course which he has pursued (but of which we trust he has ere this repented) his own conscience must condemn. The "true light" has, so far shone into his mind that, he is, we are persuaded, even to himself, "without excuse," if he persists in refusing to be counselled & influenced by you. We rest assured, that every thing which kindness & conciliation can suggest, will be employed by our Friends around him for his recovery: may they prove effectual, thro' the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We would take this opportunity of remarking, that it is the decided opinion of <sup>the</sup> Committee, that Natives should not be sent to this Country.