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gardening, &c., converse with the Natives, & learn the
Language, and translate part of the Scriptures.

I have thought, that to make preparations for
the Scriptures to be read and conversed upon, is
the only means to do good to the New Zealanders;
& that to build houses, and plant vineyards, will
only add to the temporal good of the Missionaries;
therefore to spend one's time, or most of one's time
in build^{ing}, fencing, & farming, is like spending
it for naught, as respects the Natives. At pre-
sent, the Natives value none of our comforts. They
cannot appreciate our civil advantages. — They seem
to love none of our ways. We must first turn their
attention to things relative to the Kingdom of God
then I doubt not but they will wish to
as we live, and do as we do. — There is now

at this present time, I think five or six hun-
dred men gathered together at Hade Hade from dif-
ferent parts going to the Eastward to destroy,
and bring away, all they can. — Our friends Mr &
Mrs Kemp have been very ill, & Mrs Kemp in particular
I hope they are now recovering. — We have been very
peaceable and quiet lately. — I cannot find fault.
I am still living in Mr Hall's rooms.

I learn that you have much to contend with.
May we all have grace sufficient to our day;
which is the prayer of Sir,

Your Humble Servant
James Shepherd