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I am still confident that this land of darkness and superstition, will be visited by the day star from on high - "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." O Lord let thy Kingdom come, and then thy will shall be done on Earth, as it is in heaven.

July 23

Wednesday - 23<sup>rd</sup>. Last night we were obliged to come to anchor, for want of wind, near the Heads; and at daylight we weighed, and cleared the heads of the Harbour, at about 8 o'clock with a fair breeze. The morning was very fine; I felt happy that I was leaving the colony for a little time, in which I have suffered much annoyance and vexation from wicked men. Perhaps if I had not met these vexations, I should have felt less inclination to have left my comfortable home and family. In the midst of all I feel I am in the path of duty, and therefore can leave with quietness and confidence my family, and all my concerns in "his hands who keepeth Israel, and neither slumbereth nor sleepeth." In reflecting upon the state of New Zealand, there are many things in the Mission that give me both pleasure and pain. I am happy that the Church Missionary Society have not relinquished the cause, but have sent out more strength to