

to carry on the work. Many have been the discouragements from improper conduct of some of the Society's servants; but I am confident that the "sword of the spirit which is the word of God" shall subdue the hearts of these poor heathen, to the obedience of Faith. Moses by divine commandment selected twelve Princes, Rulers in their respective tribes, to spy out the land of Canaan; they went thro' the land, but when they returned they brought up an evil report of that which they had searched, and told Moses that they were not able to go up and take the land. Ten of the twelve rulers joined in this Report, but Caleb and Joshua said, we are able to go up at once, and possess it.

As long as Caleb and Joshua remain in New Zealand, the land will be taken, though it cannot be said to be the "promised land - a land flowing with milk and honey" - yet it is the land of promise.

I have no doubt but I shall find some on my arrival faithful to the cause, tho' others who once ran well have turned aside from the path of duty and brought an evil report upon the Mission. How mysterious are the ways of God. He permits man to engage in this work; they labor for a time with honor to themselves and to