

in the service of the Society. This may be considered as a token for good, and that the great head of the Church has taken this Mission under his special protection. The Missionaries have been living in the midst of the most savage cannibals during the above period who have murdered and eaten members of their countrymen and sometimes in the presence of their Missionaries who could not restrain them from such acts of barbarity and cannibalism. The safety of the Missionaries and their families cannot be attributed to chance or to the humanity of the natives, but to Him who keepeth Israel.

Those friends of this important Mission should bear in grateful remembrance all the way the Lord has led this Mission, and all who have faithfully labored in it; in order to excite their gratitude, stimulate their exertions, and encourage their hopes: then they may rely with implicit confidence that the labors of the Missionaries will continue to be blessed, and that a people shall be born in New Zealand who shall serve the Lord on Earth, to the praise of his glory, and finally reign with Him in Heaven in the midst of that great multitude, "who have washed their robes and made them white