

26 On Sunday the 7th of November I preached, administered the Sacrament and Christened nine Children belonging to the Settlers, born in the Settlement; I trust the Divine Word and Ordinances will now continue in that land of Darkness to the end of time. I have no doubt, but the Lord has a people which he will prepare for himself, in New Zealand. He never fed any Nation with Manna from Heaven but the Israelites and as he has now sent the Manna, of his Word amongst the Heathen we may fairly infer that he will provide Israelites in that Wilderness to feed upon it. His promises are sure and known unto him are all his works from the beginning. No permanent Missionary could have been established in New Zealand, nor in any other Islands of the South Seas, unless his overruling Providence had led the British Nation to establish a Colony at New South Wales. Thro the medium of the British Nation he has sent his Gospel now to the very ends of the earth, and the Gospel Trumpet has been sounded from Pole to Pole - what means has Infinite Wisdom adopted to accomplish the divine Purpose? Did God send an Army of Pious Christians to prepare his way in this Wilderness? Did he establish a Colony in New South Wales for the advancement of his Glory and the Salvation of the Heathen Nations in these distant parts of the Globe from Men of Character and Principle? On the contrary he takes Men from the dregs of Society the sweepings of Goals, Hulks, and Prisons, Men who had forfeited their lives to the Laws of their Country he gives them their lives for a prey and sends them forth to make a way for his Chosen - for them that should bring glad tidings, that should publish Peace to the Heathen World, that should say unto them, in the Name of the Lord - look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the Earth for I am God, and there is none else - Well may we exclaim with