

correctness in point of fact; for my object has been to relate simple facts as they occurred and to communicate as much information relative to these interesting people as my limited time and various other objects, that called for my attention would allow; when I was in the different districts, and wished to note any thing down that appeared to me worthy of notice I had to steal away into the thicket and conceal myself as well as I could from the eyes of the natives while I minutely down any circumstance or conversation that tended to throw any light upon their Customs, Manners, or Religion: but it was seldom that I could steal away unobserved, and on that account was obliged often to write in the midst of a crowd what I wished to record. You will I am sure Sir make due allowances for any tautology or want of arrangement you may meet with in these sheets, as these observations were not studied but merely originated from daily occurrences. Should they ^{observe} induce any Friends to the Heathens to cast their mite in aid of Society's Funds, and soften the prejudices of the civilized World towards the New Zealanders my wishes will then be fully gratified. I am convinced that the wants of these poor Heathens have only to be made known to the Christian World and then they will be relieved. Their Country which is now only an uncultivated wilderness will then stand thick with Corn, and the voice of Joy and gladness will then be heard in these dreary regions of darkness Superstition and Cruelty.

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