

despair of our being able either to write or speak
 the Azealand language according to the rules in the
 Grammar ^{Sep 24} - I am very anxious now to
 return to my family and congregation, but have no
 prospect, I may be detained for months - This is a very
 dark dispensation. I know the Lord is too wise to err
 and too kind to afflict willingly, at the same time
 I feel an inclination to murmur and complain
 and like the Israelites of old am discouraged be-
 -cause of the way - What I know not now I perhaps
 shall know hereafter - The loss of the Brampton appears to
 me very mysterious - No ship was ever lost in the
 Bay of Islands before, the harbours are so commodious
 and fine - I censure no one for her loss, tho' I think and
 always shall, that it is a very extraordinary cir-
 -cumstance - I know nothing happens by chance
 and therefore it was the divine will that she
 should be wrecked for reasons which Man cannot
 explain - therefore they will be done -

Sep 25

25 Sept. I wrote this day a circular letter to the ~~Missionaries~~
 recommending them to write cordially in the work of
 the Mission and to form some regular plan respecting
 the language - Every one has hitherto followed his own
 system and all different, which can never converge,
 and will create nothing but confusion - Some have ability
 and others have not learning sufficient to write the
 language, and should avail themselves of the superior abilities
 of their colleagues - The want of humility has been very
 great in the Missionaries - The Apotles advice has been
 wholly forgotten by them. "In lowliness of mind let each
 esteem other better than themselves" ^{Sep 20} 26. This
 morning I left Middle Prodee to pay a visit to
 the Rev^d A. Williams at Tyhea - On my way