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to his work, unworthy as they are to be given for him who in everlasting Love
Died for me — & I trust him to nourish his own work within — & to uphold me
in every danger — The New Zealanders have had a great and leading interest with
those amongst us here who have had a desire to the north but we feel it rather ^{able} desire
to leave our appointment with our God who if he condescends to use us will no
doubt direct our way my heart ~~heart~~ is much drawn to them & my prayer offered
for their conversion to our Christ but if it appears expedient that another quarter
of the world should be chosen this would be sufficient — the spread of Christs King-
dom amongst the Heathen is that which my Soul desires — It may perhaps be pro-
-per to say that since my change I have been engaged along with my com-
-panions in the Lord in a Sunday School and in an Evening School for the
instruction of the poorer children in this place. —

I think I have answered every thing upon which Mr Bickersteth directed us to
address you excepting what respects my engagement with a young Woman who
I hope is a decided follower of the Lord Jesus she has hitherto walked consist-
-antly and I hope would be a fellow helper in Christs cause should it be the
Lords will to unite us — I have frequently spoken to her upon the subject of a
Missionary life — She wishes to feel her own call to so serious a prospect so
that no difficulties might afterwards discourage her — and we leave our
whole way in this important matter to the mercy of our Lord —

A glorious prospect seems now to present itself to our view and we rejoice and
sigh as it were to have a glimpse of that Period when the powers of darkness
shall give way and the standard of the cross ^{be} erected when Jew and Gentile
shall be made to know the Lord and shall be made one fold under one
Shepherd and the Redeemers Name shall be a praise in the whole Earth with
my prayers for the prosperity of Zion I beg leave to Remain

Your Unworthy Servant
Wm. Kirk