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leaving a hand. Besides it will be more conducive to their health to work a little. With respect to the spiritual concerns of these dear young men, I have but little to add to my last communication. They like to go to Church, and are very attentive. They are fond of looking over the hymn book when the singing is going on, tho' they cannot read. On our return when I ask them if they understand what has been said — they answer very little — they do not seem partial to my talking to them about the best things — they generally change the subject as soon as they can. May the Holy and eternal Spirit water them every moment, & may they stand at the right hand of God in the day that the Dear Redeemer makes up his jewels in my sincere prayer.

With respect to the New Zealand language I am grieved to state that I have made but little progress in it: though I am very desirous of doing so. My dulness has I trust humbled me in the dust, and caused me to be more patient with T & T in their difficulty in learning ours — One reason I assign for not getting on so well as I perhaps might have done — is — I have been much toy'd and harassed in my mind, by my friends putting stumbling blocks in my way & attempting to persuade me not to go to