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1835 - I have not for some time past written
anything in my Journal - My time has been
variously employed but chiefly in giving Christian
instruction to the natives & to some few
Europeans I have had an opportunity of
conversing with. - The Gospel has been gaining
ground. Many of the natives have discovered much
earnestness in their enquiries on religious subjects.
The cause of Papanukia has given way
& many of his followers have been led to
confusion. - We seem to require nothing so
much as the spirit of our divine Master
to excite us to more zeal & devotedness in
his blessed cause. - The concerns of the
Mission have been in a state of agitation lately.
The very urgent calls for Missionsaries to
the Southward has caused us to look into
our forces at home to see what strength
can be spared from ^{our present} the Northern field
of labour. It is also highly requisite
that in the formation of all new
Stations an experienced hand should
go there, whereby the Station might at
once commence its operations.

amongst the ² natives & that the work of
instruction may go on - From these views I
have been led once more to offer my services
to the Southward & have chosen Lauranga for my
the sphere of labour - I have great reason to
believe that my labours in the Bay have been
attended with good & to all probability by my
remaining here I might be useful both to the
natives & the European residents & Sailors who
visit & frequent the Bay - Much of my
attention has been directed to this class
& by the blessing of God to upon the measure
I doubt not that much good would be
done - I have much with good encourage-
ment in collecting subscriptions toward build-
ing a Church at Kororavika - The Church
has for some time been commenced upon & I
trust that in a few months it will be fit
for the purpose of accommodating many of
these poor wandering Seamen & at the same
time fine accommodation to the poor Natives
for hearing the word of God - The build-
ing will be 50 ft by 25 ft put up for the
joint purpose of accommodating European &
Natives

We have lately ³ joined prayer held on
Kororavika ~~was much~~ as many of the
natives now attend our Service on Funclapp
but still the preparation of the Sabbath
by our own Countrymen is alarming
It comes within the range of my duties
to attend Kororavika each alternate Sunday
& my soul is pained within me at seeing
the abominations of the place. I endeavor
to get access to all I can & often succeed
in collecting a number of British &
American Sailors together thereby afford-
ing these poor men an opportunity of hearing
the the word of God.
There has also been a good work going
on at the Kavakava. The Native Congregation
is regular & exercising good attention in
pursuance of the path of God. The Sabbath is
regarded by almost all who are living
in the immediate neighbourhood of the
Kavakava & whole families may be seen
flood flocking together to the place where
the word of God is declared

This party have now commenced ^{building} ~~building~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{new} ~~new~~ ^{chapel} ~~chapel~~ & they discover great earnest-
ness in the profession they now make of
religion. There are several interesting young
men living with their ^{parents} who have been
instructed at Paikia & who now render great
service to their ^{religionist} neighbours in instruct-
ing the rising generation - in conducting
divine worship & in giving instruction
to all around them ~~from the word of~~
~~God~~. It is truly ^{encouraging} to witness
the interest which these young men
show in the spiritual & moral welfare
of their countrymen. The people too pay
great attention to these their own teachers
from the ^{Kauakaua} the school posts are visited
by these ^{young men} ~~Native~~ ^{teachers} & they are ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{means}
of much good to all or by whom they are
surrounded.

It does my heart good to visit
this very interesting congregation - I have
during the last eight months been there
on each alternate Sabbath & I am
happy to say that there is a growing
interest in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~on~~ ^{the} ~~part~~ ^{of} ~~the~~

5 ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{salvation} ~~salvation~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{their} ~~their~~ ^{souls} ~~souls~~
after ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{salvation} ~~salvation~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{their} ~~their~~ ^{souls} ~~souls~~
one matter ^{which} ~~which~~ ^{has} ~~has~~ ^{caused} ~~caused~~ ^{some} ~~some~~ ^{concern} ~~concern~~
the purchase of the Columbian - This
subject is in every respect well adapted for our
use having a ^{comprising} ~~comprising~~ ^{good} ~~good~~ ^{quantity} ~~quantity ^{with} ~~with~~
a tolerable cargo. He is just the age
we wanted & answers the description given
of the paper useful for our use.
You will be well acquainted with the
real state of the case through the medium
of our ^{Quarterly} ~~Quarterly~~ & Public letters.~~

We are much concerned on leaving
from the Com of Co that see the steps
we have taken in the purchase of this
paper. ^{Volunteers} ~~Volunteers were opposed to their business
& that they therefore deem it right
to oblige the bills drawn for the
amount - I know that we have
subscribed the ^{strict} ~~strict~~ ^{boundaries} ~~boundaries~~ of our
instructions in this measure, but we
were impelled to the transaction.~~

by a strong desire to extend the
Kingdom of our Redeemer & from a
strong conviction that the interests of the
Society would be promoted by that step
It is observable that in consequence
of the conclusion of purchasing the Columbian
there was not one dissent among the
members of the Com of Miss & as
far as I have been able to ascertain
the measure had the approval of all
the brethren in the Society

I am hopeful that the Com
of Con will on seeing our last declaration
be led to view the matter on a very
different light & I sincerely trust
feel persuaded that if they had had
the whole affair before them when the
subject of the Columbian was discussed
they would have sanctioned our proceeding

The Com of Con have rendered us very
an essential service in the prosecution of
our work & it is due to remark that
they have paid great attention to our

repeated calls upon them for their
Council & direction. Nor have I seen
in any of the Brethren a wish to act
contrary to their ^{Council} & directions

Our Community in New Zealand
is now large & by your continuing to
send out more labours into the field
^{we are} compelled to take measures to in order
to the disposition of our accumulated
strength - and there is no want of
employment. New fields are ^{presenting} opening
^{themselves before us} doors of utterance are opened & we
seem to have nothing little more to do
than to go forth & possess the land

Mr Williams ^{has} ^{been} ^{with} ^{him}
^{been} ^{with} ^{him} ^{from} ^{home}, having with
Mr Had Mr Harkin proceeded in the
Columbian to the Thames. Mr Had
too is now gone to Rotorua with a
view of joining that station. It is his
intention to remove with Mr Chapman

to the New Station this action shows
no obstacle present

It had been my wish to have made
a trip to Teuranga this summer season
but owing to the above movements
I have not been able to leave the
the Settlements

We at this time require especial
guidance from the great head of the
Church - at no stage of the mission
did we seem to require it so much as
we now do - The natives are on every
side pressing for instruction & as yet a
very inconsiderable part of the land has been
visited - a question arises with us among
us whether we shall continue concentrated
with a view of to meet the more immediate
calls of those natives living
in the vicinity, or whether we shall reduce our
present numbers with a view of meeting
the calls of the New Station tribes

while one living & altogether without any
one to guide their wandering feet into
the way of peace

again in the formation of every New
Station it is as I before observed very
important to have an experienced missionary
to form one of the party & here is a
difficulty - Some of the brethren from
among this class are not hesitate on the
total ground of their families being large &
having been to first in the field until & conse-
quently having had much difficult work
to endure both they & their wives feel less
prepared to enter upon the duties &
difficulties of a New Station

Mr Hamlin has consented to remove &
he is admirably adapted to the situation
assigned him. With respect to myself
I am not yet able to say much ^{or of myself} ~~of myself~~
my removal to a New Station - ~~as~~
~~best of phenomena still persuades my~~
~~mind that~~ Mr Baker's health is not
good were his disorder any other but
a nervous disorder I might have thought

found to hope. ¹⁰ She is not even now
able to attend to her domestic duties
with regularity & being few small
children to attend to her ^{big work} charge
is ^{very} ~~more~~ ^{is} means ~~small~~ light

+ Feeling as I have done an ardent
desire to see the Kingdom of Christ
extended in the land I was ready to
embark afloat in
make any sacrifice I might be called
to make in a removal to a new station
& but for Mrs Baker's ill health I should
long ago been engaged in that part of the
work. ~~Whether Mrs Baker's health~~

You are fully aware that our situation
in New Zealand is very different to that of
a civilized country. Each one has his
respective duty to attend & those who have
large families have a heavy charge upon
them & our domestics have not advanced
so far in civilization as to render us all
that ~~receiving~~ assistance in our
peculiar cases require

But while ~~hope~~ ^{of} an ~~efficiency~~
we ~~recounted~~

+ However much importance may be attached
to each one being permanently established
in his sphere of labour it is quite unduly
that unless some of us feel ourselves
dispensable for new fields of labour the
progress of the gospel will be retarded

I should therefore suggest that as
new fields continue to open persons
such, Peace, & George might be
disposable for the formation of new
stations & from the reinforcements we
trust you will continue to send us
the places of these brethren should be
filled up & the others join our brethren
in forming forming new stations.

some of the
While, our difficulties may be recounted
we ought not to lose sight of those
merciful ^{blessing} which our Lord has graciously
been pleased to shower down upon us
We have for some time been blessed
with in being at peace & amity amongst
ourselves - health & every temporal ^{good}
has been bestowed upon us & above all
a manifest blessing has attended our
labours & now we want nothing so
much as a thankful heart for all past
mercies & a fervent, earnest praying spirit
in obtaining all which is promised through
Christ & promised to his faithful
servants & true followers - May we then
have grace to look to in faith to our Almighty
Father who has promised to be with you
all day even to the end of the world

The above remarks have been
sent in substance to the Society
in London

1835
May 11

I have not for some time past
written any thing in my Journal - My
engagements have been so very numerous & varied
that I have had but little time to call my own
I have been out almost every Sunday morning
the natives here for the most part meet with
great encouragement. - about the middle of
last month (April) I took a trip to Wanganui
own & accompanied by Mr Colenso. In passing
Waikare the natives gave us but rather a cold
reception. We left our Boat there & travelled
to on in expectation of making Wanganui
that night but in this we were disappointed
the evening closing upon us when several
miles on this side the Mangia
had a comfortable night in the bush
left our fresh provisions for Wanganui & met
with Kawata the Chief at the landing place
There not being a canoe large sufficiently
large to take in all our fresh Kawata
sent off to the Pa on purpose & at
one o'clock P.M. we set out for
his Chief residence & Pa

On our arrival there we found a good number ready to meet us who welcomed us into their Pa. After some conversation & refreshments I addressed them of our the message of Salvation & I was glad to find that the poor natives seemed much interested in the subject. Having spent the night there I addressed them on the following morning from our Lord's sermon on the Mount.

Most of the people present were inhabitants of the Poon Knights an Island opposite Waingamou the entrance of Waingamou river - We left this place at about ten o'clock & went by water to a little settlement called Tea Panaruku where we found a small party who listened attentively to the word. I brought a boy from this place for the purpose of teaching him to read & write & then to return him to his friends with a view of teaching them.

We had a laborious journey to day having concluded to reach Waikari in the evening

I never travelled a more hilly road in my life & we had to pass through a river more than twenty times. However we reached Waikari before dark & found the natives more civil than was the case the other day - Spent most of the evening in addressing the natives in conversation with them.

Early the following morning I held service with the party in being Good Friday after I had done Aparakama to the party, but some of his usual remarks occasioned disputation which continued for some time & I am afraid that any good impression which might have been made in hearing the word of God was effaced.

We reached home some time after noon & I found Mrs Baker very ill in bed of a dreadful pain in her neck which continues for some days & nights & has left her considerably weaker than before.

From my laborious journey I was obliged to commence the duties of an attendant upon a sick bed.

The state of Mrs Ballers health to now
being good makes it improbable that I
shall move to Auranga - It becomes a serious
question with me as to whether her health is
likely to be any better at a new station
& whether she will consequently be better able
to attend to the duties of her family in a
new station than in an old one

Such is Mrs B's nervous system that the
smallest thing suffices her & were she exposed
to the excitement of a new station she would
it is likely feel severely the effects of it
as far as I know my mind on the subject
I should rejoice in the undertaking & gladly
endure all the toil & hardships of attending upon
the formation of a new station --

With respect to my improvement in
divine things I am not able to say much
Barrenness & unfruitfulness have been the case
with me & now see much cause to mourn & grieve on
account of it. - I have had some flashes of the
divine favor but more generally I have been walking
in darkness. occasionally, when addressing the
natives, I have felt some comfortable tokens of the
divine presence & blessing & when engaged in prayer
have felt some drawings out after God but how
little do I know of the true spirit of devotion
of holy aspirations & intense longings after God
& holiness. How little of the spirit of prayer
& the power of faith. How estranged to that
mind that was in Christ - that deep self abasement
& lowliness of mind which so adorn the
Christian character. How little of that meek-
ness & gentleness which are the fruits of a heart
charged by the holy Ghost - & as in the effects
of a heart not fully given up to God how little
concern for the salvation of the poor heathen
How unlike Paul & other devoted servants of
our Lord who were "instant in season & out of
season" fully given up to the work of their
Lord & Master Christ.

May 17. Went to Kororauka in the afternoon. Most of our usual party were gone to a hahunga / I fear we had however the small party who did attend were very attentive & I felt it good to be there. afterwards went through the Kainiga & met with several little parties who listened with some attention to the message delivered.

18. Went over to Kororauka, in company with Mr the Williams. Called at Messrs Maind Poroteteri. talked on the frog question. Mr Poroteteri is evidently indisposed to the measure if not inclined to oppose it. His reasons were very curious & unsatisfactory. In the course of our interview he made a sweeping complaint charge upon us & upon our mode of proceedings stating that we had instilled principles in to the natives prejudicial to their interests. - that we viewed ourselves as a stepping stone of men & that we had also

given the natives to understand that whatever their conduct towards European settlers who were not in connection with us it was quite immaterial & -

20 - Mr Williams went to Tetorangi. Poroteteri came from the Waimate

21 Mr Waale brought down his waale to commence housekeeping

22 Mr Williams returned

23 Have been busy all the week about many little matters

24 Sunday - went to a place called Paikini & to stables. at the former place ~~to~~ I found a little party of attentive hearen. The principal of the party had been sick for some day. I had I sent him a blister which had in a measure relieved him from the pain he had been suffering from. - was delighted with his conversation which was truly Christian. Said he was happy either to live on to die