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Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1828 I rather uncomfortable in my present situation, being detained from my missionary employment and pressed to engage in manual labour, which I think is unreasonable - as my time is likely to be short and Mr Baker's present situation requires much attention from me I am resolved not to yield to those who press me to manual employment

My reasons are these - I never thought that it was the duty of any who came out to the missionary work to be engaged in anything which has not a direct reference to the spiritual and moral good of the heathen - I do think that it is the duty of those who are capable to instruct the heathen in the management of temporal affairs and in mechanical <sup>or other</sup> arts to do so but still to let the main business of their life be <sup>to promote</sup> the salvation of the souls of the heathen

When I offered myself to come out to the  
heathen it was from an earnest desire to give  
my heart to the work and to promote the  
temporal and eternal welfare of the people  
Feb 1st I last night believed my much esteemed  
friend the Rev. S. Leigh at his Chapel  
I felt it good to be thus engaged - My soul  
was much refreshed and I trust that others  
received some good - I wish my mind were wholly  
taken up with Divine subjects. I regret that  
worldly affairs take up so much of my time

Oh! that my whole soul were brought into  
conformity to the image of Christ; and that  
all my powers were set in God - I have much  
cause for sorrow of heart having acted so base  
a part - Surely it becomes me to walk before  
God in holiness and in truth - How ought my  
conversation to be as becomes the Gospel of Christ

O Lord do thou be pleased to bring my soul  
into the subjection of Christ - Work in my heart  
a saving change - Oh! write thy new name  
upon my heart - Give me a greater relish  
for prayer and the means of grace. Open before  
me the path that thou wouldst have me to go  
so that I may run the race that is set before  
me with delight

I must confess that my views, with respect to  
the proceedings of our Correspondent Committee  
are now completely changed. I wanted to believe,  
before I became acquainted with them, that they  
were of very great use; and that their exertions  
were a great assistance to our Brethren in New Zealand  
but I have been led to think otherwise lately  
There is in those whose pretensions are  
benevolence and truth; too much selfishness  
and sense of the world - and the Spiritual  
good of the heathen seems as a matter of  
less importance than the temporal concerns  
of the people - This is not Gospel Light  
Feb 3<sup>d</sup> I heard the Rev. Mr. Vincent  
and I felt the force of what he said - I think  
that he preaches the Gospel of Christ -

I do not enjoy my Sabbaths as I used  
to do - Sabbaths were all very precious  
to me - There must be some obstacle or  
I should enjoy them the same I may  
suspect my heart Oh! cleanse my heart  
by the inspiration of thy Spirit that I  
may perfectly love thee and worthily  
magnify thy holy name

Feb 5 I must confess that my present  
situation is not altogether agreeable to  
me - I have had cause to repent  
staying here ever since I parted with  
my friend Mr Galt - I feel the  
need of Divine grace to enable me  
to bear up under every difficulty  
I feel that it is necessary to exercise  
patience under every circumstance

May I be as wise as a serpent and  
as harmless as a Dove  
8th Yesterday I had much conversation with a  
New Zealander, who seems very intelligent - indeed  
more so than any that I have ever conversed with.

I felt an anxious desire, that that most  
interesting race of people should become partak-  
ers of the Kingdom of Righteousness and Heaven

It was quite amusing to hear the young man  
speak of his Country and the Muffians  
whom he knew. He has a great regard

for Shergin believing Shergin to be one  
of the greatest men in the world.

I sincerely hope that the gospel with all  
its blessings will soon be fully known  
amongst the inhabitants of this Zealand  
I believe that there is now a good prospect  
of good days. May the head of the Church  
pour out his Holy Spirit upon this people  
that this wilderness may become a fruitful  
field, and the desert blossom as the Rose

10th Sunday - I do not feel so much interest  
in the return of Sabbath as I used to do - This  
is partly owing to myself and partly to other  
circumstances - once I rejoiced in the prospect  
of doing good on these days - but now it is otherwise

I trust that my desire for usefulness has in  
some measure increased. I wish to praise to God  
and to his glory by promoting his cause

My Spirit mourns after God for I want  
to enjoy an abiding sense of his favour  
which is better than life. My soul pants to  
after God as the Hart pants after the water-  
brook. May I be filled with the Righteous  
- resp. peace joy in the Holy - Spirit

11th What are resolutions made in my own strength. They are like the red morning cloud and the early dew which run past away. I see that in order to be a Christian I must be closely united to Christ and have his free accept to the end of grace whereby I may receive support in the time of need.

12th. Glory be to God! I have reason to believe that I have made, through Divine help, a little progress in the way to heaven. I think that without presumption I may say that I am at peace with God through the plea of Christ. I feel more alive to the eternal interests of my soul. Continued I am that if Religion do not give relief comfort, that nothing else can.

My dear wife is now very poorly, and her present circumstances has considerable weight upon my mind. May she glorify her God and have faith in his all wise providence. It is well to look to him in every time of need. There is no friend like God when may the cross be burden upon the head knowing that He will sustain it.

Observe to God for his mercy and compassion towards me and mine. Since I sailed from England I have seen many singular instances of the Divine goodness. May I ever remember

that this calls for renewed diligence as my post to serve God in his most blessed cause. May every nerve be engaged in the service of my Saviour who gave his life a ransom for me.

16th. What a mercy it is that I am where I am and what I am! I praise God that I am out of hell and that I have any prospect of eternal happiness. I am the subject of much weakness. I see more clearly, that it behoves me to give all diligence to make my calling and election sure and of using the means of grace, by which I may gain spiritual strength.

18th. Heard yesterday, the Rev. Mr. Wainwright who preaches the truth as it is in Jesus. His text was Luke 22.

61-62. I felt much interested with the discourse. I believe that his preaching is calculated to rouse the careless and to encourage the believer. May his labours be attended with the Divine blessing and souls be converted to the faith of Christ.

There is a great need of plain and faithful preaching here, and it is necessary that some ministers should make conscience of visiting the people.

In the evening I had the pleasure of this Gentleman's company, whose conversation was to me very pleasing and agreeable. I think, however, that I heard him say that he is likely to succeed in his ministerial functions, for he has adopted the plan of reading the Scriptures and indeed the whole of the parish.

15th My mind is now led to conceive in part the importance of my improving my retaking. Every one that engages to come out into the wilderness field takes upon himself great responsibility.

I am grieved to see so much want of principle in some who are the servants of the Society - When I consider the source from which the greater part of our sad support comes I could conclude that it is the duty of every one who thus receives support to act as economically as possible and at the same time labour to promote the objects of the Society.

20th Heard from my friend the Rev Mr Gate yesterday. His passage to New Zealand was very rough but only lasted fourteen days. He seems to be much taken up with the Act country and also the preaching of the Brethren there. From his letter it appears that he is anxious for Mrs Baker & myself to haste there. - I feel fully convinced that the sooner we go the better. - May I receive fresh supplies of Divine Grace. May my love for the perishing heathens increase and may I go forth with my heart glowing with

holly zeal for their present and eternal good. My dear friend tells me that "there is no room for idle hands". Let it then be my desire to labour for God in his most blessed cause.

22nd I have been reading letters from the Father & Brothers of New Zealand. They seem to be well & speak amongst themselves and they say that prospects in New Zealand never were better than now. It is likely that Mr Gate will do well there for he seems comfortable with the Brethren and they with him. May the blessing of God ever rest upon them and assist them in their important work to promote his cause amongst this benighted ~~and~~ people.

May the Son of Righteousness shine upon them and discover to them their darkness. Then they will view him whom they have persecuted and reviled for their sins.

27 I have always cause to speak well of the dealing of God to me. Now kindly does he watch over me for good. I wish to have the simplicity of a child daily depending upon my heavenly Father for support. It is when we depend upon our own strength that God leaves us; for he then makes our weakness

appear. Every circumstance connected with  
my life seems to convince me that it is God who  
overrules every thing. May he be my Father and  
then he will be my Supporter &c.

25th It is well to record the kind dealings of God  
with me. It is a source of encouragement to look  
over the pages which have been some time written  
which pages recognize the goodness of almighty  
God. His providential care has been  
manifested in ten thousand instances. I think  
that it would be well were I to reflect upon the  
presence of God, as evidence to me year by year  
we pass. "Oh to grace how great our debtor"  
we pass.

I am well persuaded, that if a sense of the  
Divine goodness does not excite me to love and  
fear God nothing else can. "Love begets love": and  
Mercy is love, not that we loved God; but God  
first loved us and gave his only begotten Son  
for us. As Christ hath loved me in giving his life  
a ransom for my sins, may I love him and be  
employed in making known the riches of his  
grace amongst the heathen, who are ever  
unacquainted with the Saviour's love for them.

O almighty God do thou pour out thy Spirit  
upon the nations of the earth and cause  
that midnight darkness, which has so long  
overspread the people, to remove. Let the  
Son of Righteousness arise with healing in his  
wings.

March 2<sup>d</sup> Sunday - Were I to consider that  
every one of these fleeting days must be accounted for  
I should then study to improve them. Did I but act  
as though every one of these were the last: I should  
then be more concerned about my eternal welfare

To meet death in an unprepared state would  
be awful indeed. - For many years I have known  
the way of Salvation, and have long since tasted  
of the grace of Christ; but how little have I  
done for Christ? Daniel, when receiving the  
goodness of God towards him could cry aloud  
for those who were around him to join in the same  
work of praise.

I am this morning detained from Church  
on account of my dear wife, who is anxiously looking  
forward to the time when she will bring forth her first-  
born. I earnestly pray that she may be assisted in  
the trying hour. Spare thy hand maid O Lord, and  
grant that the child of her womb may live before  
thee. I believe that children are either blessings  
from the hand of God or they prove to be curses.

Lord thou knowest that my sincere desire  
is to bring up my offspring in thy faith, fear  
and love. Do thou help me for thy name sake.

3<sup>rd</sup> I last night heard, at the Wesleyan Chapel  
the Rev Mr Weston, with great satisfaction  
The Sermon was on occasion of the Sunday School  
Mr Weston pleaded the cause very freely.

I am much pleased to find so much  
attention here, to the rising generations. I trust  
that some good will appear ere long to the glory  
of God, whose work must prosper.

5<sup>th</sup> - I humbly hope, that I am making a little  
progress in the Divine life. Were I to have more humi-  
-ble views of myself, and more exalted views of the  
Saviour I should then make greater progress.

Those who have distinguished themselves  
for piety were men of deep humility. It is a truth  
that "we are saved by grace" and that not of ourselves  
it is the gift of God. Satan attempts to gain  
the advantage of us by insinuating that I have  
no reason to expect the blessing, which I ask for, because  
I have not merited them. But thank God, I may  
come without merit for his blood atoned for every  
sin, and the sacrifice once offered for ever  
makes them, who are thus interested, unutterably  
secure. Christ is a daily "Advocate" Announc-  
ing "Intercessor" a "Friend who stretcheth closer  
than any brother"

Oh that I may by faith view him in all his  
sacred offices. It is indeed a matter of  
encouragement to me to remember the many  
instances of the Saviour's love. If fully convinced  
I am, that it is my interest to give up all  
for Christ. The Divine goodness is more clearly  
revealed when we give ourselves into the hands  
of God, and are contented to be ruled by him  
as our faithful governor. God demands the  
hearts and he will not accept of anything  
less.

"Take this poor heart and let it be  
for ever closed to all but thee  
6<sup>th</sup> - It does not appear to be likely, that we  
shall sail for N. Zealand at present. I feel  
the disappointment, for I had been indulging  
in hope of going in a few weeks.

This, like all other circumstances which are trying  
should lead me to depend alone upon God, who is  
"to wit to err to good to be unkind". Whilst in  
this world we walk by faith, not by sight. In  
another world we are led step by step according to  
infinite wisdom. Now we see through a glass,  
darkly, but in another world we shall see face  
to face: now we know but in part; but then we  
shall know even as we are known.



perhaps this is come to by me. Now it will be  
sure whether I have my heart for the cause of Christ  
and whether it is still my fixed determination  
to persevere. Had I known long ago that I should  
have been thus detained, I should have been much  
discouraged. It is wisely ordered by Divine Providence  
that all things are not revealed at once.

were we to have all our afflictions at one time  
they would be insupportable. and so with respect  
to the goodness of God, as manifested by the sharing  
of his countenance: our souls would be overjoyed  
and thus our happiness in part preserved.

7th Daily Brethren teaches me that  
it is not well to trust in man - when  
people make great professions of kindness  
it well to suspect them. Mrs - promised  
to attend upon my dear wife, but at the time  
when she was likely to be called for gave up  
with an excuse scarcely reasonable. The  
consequence was my wife felt very much  
cast down.

May this, and every other circumstan-  
= ce lead me to put my whole trust in God  
He always performs his promises. Be sure to  
his holy name he is better than his promises.

I feel very desirous to be engaged in the cause  
of Christ. I trust that my way will be made plain  
and that shortly I shall have the satisfaction to  
be employed for Christ.

O Lord do then be pleased to fill my soul  
with thy love. Enflame my heart with zeal  
for perishing sinners and may I be restless  
until I am fully employed in the mission-  
= ary work. I believe that God called me to  
the work and I will hope that ere long I shall  
enter upon it according to God's purpose.

I have cause to mourn on account of  
the hardness of my heart. I seldom feel  
a praying spirit and but little desire for  
self-examination. There is but little religion  
without deep humility. It is when we feel  
less that Christ applies the virtue of his  
blood. When the sinner gives up himself  
as undone, then Christ appears in his  
behalf. He will not save by halves for  
he is "all in all". May I come as a lost  
sinner and cast myself upon Christ  
my Saviour, who has ransomed me  
with his own most precious blood.

8th another week will soon be numbered  
with these before the "Flood" - Oh that  
sin did not end with the week, then should  
I have hope respecting my state

Religion is useless without it influence  
- es the whole character, and becomes felt  
in the heart. It is the design of the gospel  
to reform the character both externally & inter-  
nally; for whilst we imitate Christ in our  
actions, we must have the "mind of Christ"

I do confess, before God that there is  
but very little of Christ either in my actions  
or conversation. How shamefully I have  
I neglected Christ! and how hardly  
have I hidden his most precious gift!

God uses his people as instruments  
in bringing sinners to a knowledge of the truth  
But little of that honour belongs to me.  
Surely it is high time to awake out of  
sleep, and to exert my powers in the cause  
of Christ. Sinners are daily passing into  
eternity without a knowledge of the  
Saviour of sinners. Ignorant of God and  
of themselves; but as they lived they die.

9th - Sunday - Bless God O my soul and  
I all within me show his praise!  
I trust that my soul is a little revived this  
morning whilst at the footstool of Christ  
The soul, like a tree shoots upwards as it sinks  
downwards. May I deeper sink and higher  
rise into all the life of God. May my mind  
this day be stayed upon God and my soul be at  
perfect peace.

I am persuaded that if I were  
engaged in the cause of Christ more fully  
that I should feel more peace of mind  
It is labour which calls strength into  
exercise. - I hope that God will point  
out to me the way in which I may be useful  
I cannot "live at this poor dying rate"

It was here that first moved my  
heart to leave home, and I hope that love  
will still be the ruling passion of my  
heart. Oh may the love of Christ constrain  
me to give up all for God - Lord take  
the purchase of thy blood.

14th Can I reach Heaven? This is  
a question of importance; but yet it  
is a question which I ought to ask my-  
self every day. It is a truth, that I can  
reach Heaven, or never get.

May I stop and reverently enquire  
how matters stand between me and God  
I ought to make great proficiency in  
in the divine life considering the many  
opportunities which I have had

until I have clearer views of my  
situation before God, I shall still remain  
in a state of indifference to the concerns  
of my soul - If I could see myself  
to be a sinner, I then should come to Christ  
for pardon, and find reconciliation  
with God, through the death of his  
Son. Oh! that the Holy Spirit  
would take of all the things of Christ  
and reveal them unto me.

16th Sunday - We last night received  
letters from England, which we had little  
expected - all our friends were to praise  
God. By the same I am informed that  
my Cousin Benjamin Walker has thrice  
gospel the laws of his country and is about  
to be banished from it for life.

I would remark here, that this youth was  
not properly brought up; for he was much  
neglected by his parents. His father's care of  
intemperate zeal left his own family to attend  
to other people in the Wesleyan Society. I wish  
if he had stayed at home much more than  
he did, his family would have been better  
attended to. - I am sure that Solomon's advice  
has been neglected: "Train up a child in the way  
it should go and when it is old it will not depart  
- all from it."

Oh that I may have grace to hear  
I may train up my offspring in the  
way of the Lord and in the administration of the  
Word.

I fear that the work of grace is not going on  
very well. It is not easy to keep alive the soul.

When the soul ceases to strain against the con-  
-ditions of the world, it, by degrees, loses ground, and  
it ~~self~~ becomes barren and unfruitful - Constant  
watchfulness is necessary, and unceasing pray-  
-er, in order to preserve the soul from ~~entirely~~ <sup>entirely</sup>

In this world, I have to war with the world,  
Flesh and the Devil: and this I am sure of,  
that my own heart is as great an enemy, as  
any that I have to contend with.

17 I feel rather poorly this morning yet I feel  
truly grateful to God that my health has been  
so good since I left the land of my nativity  
I need not seek for a subject on which to write  
for the good resp of God to me will always furnish  
me with a subject - Ah that I may feel more  
and more grateful to the God of my mercies

Commend, I am that the only way to keep  
mercies is to be thankful for them & to make  
a right improvement of them  
So may I act as desirous of enjoying the  
mercies of God

22 I yesterday had the pleasure of seeing the  
Wesleyan Sunday School - It was their  
examination day: and ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> Mr. Kirk and  
I were the examiners I was much gratified  
in hearing the children repeat their several  
tasks with so much exactness

Several people of respectability were there  
and seemed to take some interest in the proceeding

It is indeed pleasing to see the exertions of  
many, in this Colony, for the advancement of Christ  
-kingdom - I believe that were it not for these pious  
institutions, what will would triumph.

In Paramatta there are two Sunday-schools  
which are very well attended both by Teachers and  
Children.

23 - Sunday - May the Blessing of the living  
God rest upon me this day: and may my feeble  
soul be strengthened, and my spirit be revived  
in Religion with me is at a low ebb. There is much  
need for me to comfort myself. I fear that I shall  
have what little visionary zeal I have. Oh do thou  
Blessed Lord impart thy quickening Spirit to  
pierce out to me my interests, and to lead me to  
the Sources of sinners

I do more sincerely acknowledge my unworthiness  
before God than my unworthiness pardon

21. I feel the need of supporting grace  
and the quickening influences of the Holy  
Spirit. When the Divine Spirit ceases  
to move upon the soul, it then becomes  
dead and lifeless. May my soul ever be  
the subject of the Holy Spirit's influences

30 Sunday - I was very busy this morning  
and had much to do, having to attend school  
and to keep records twice at the Factory

It would give me very much pleasure to be  
always employed in doing something in the cause  
of Christ: and there is much to be done in this  
place. Many souls are destitute of a knowledge  
of the sanctions of sinners. I wish this cold heart  
of mine were alive to the situation of these  
poor deluded people.

April 1st Time rapidly steals away  
were I to consider that every day demands  
and accounts, I should be more watchful  
and I should give all diligence to prepare  
against that day when the secrets of all  
hearts will be opened. Oh that each  
returning day did but find me nearer  
heaven

I have great reason to rejoice on account  
of the hardness of my heart. My will is  
firm and prone to those things which  
are hurtful.

25th On this day we are called upon  
by our church to celebrate the death of  
of Christ upon the Cross. Would that  
I could view him as dying on the  
Cross for my sins, and could I but look  
upon him whom I have persecuted and  
mourned for my sins

Factory (Womans Prison)  
Quakers

I have this morning been to the Factory  
and had a large congregation who were  
very attentive. - I trust that some  
will seriously reflect upon the word

There is a field for labour, and  
if these services are continued, I doubt  
not that good will be done

May the Holy Spirit visit these  
poor deluded creatures, and may they  
they become the subjects of redeeming  
love, and heirs of heaven.

4 On this day the followers of Christ are  
commemorating his death upon the Cross

5th Last night, about 7 o'clock  
my dear wife was taken poorly, at 10 o'clock I  
called in a physician: she continued very  
ill during the whole night: In the morning  
I called in medical assistance, when at  
Quarter past nine she was delivered of a very  
fine Boy. In some time it was doubtful  
whether whether he would live: but it is now  
wholly that he will

It is a mercy that God has spared  
both mother and child - I desire to praise God  
for his mercy towards me - and may the dear  
child be consecrated to God. Committed I am, that  
if he is not offered to God, that he will be of  
very little service, and that we shall have  
but little pleasure with him.

6th Sunday - The day on which Christ  
arose from the dead. Oh that I could  
rise from the death of sin and live

on Christ. - I have been to the Factory  
this morning and afternoon: - the females  
were very attentive. I trust that the word was  
not in vain. I made it a point of conscience  
to deliver my own soul by speaking plainly  
to the people

8th I was much gratified to day  
being the Sunday school anniversary  
considering that the advantages of the  
Children are not so great here as in  
England I think that their progress in  
learning is great - Several Coppersmiths  
were present who took a part in the  
business of the day, and in the afternoon  
the Children, in procession, walked  
up to the Church - I was so glad where  
there were preparations made for the  
poor. Many people came, who seemed to  
be very gratified

In this school there are something  
which to me are pleasing - The Teachers  
take great interest in their work

and your written - The school is sup-  
-ported by the Teachers, which shows that  
their hearts are in the work. Consider-  
-ing various circumstances, the children  
attend tolerably well very well - I doubt  
not that this school will be attended  
with much good to the rising generation.

18th I have been religiously happy in not  
writing in my journal. It praiseth God  
his mercies have been the same, and  
his compassions fail not - Well convinced  
I am that God has dealt with me  
better than I deserve.

It is probable, that in a few weeks  
we shall be on our way to New Zealand  
I feel much relieved with this prospect  
for I long to be engaged in my calling.

Thanks be to God my dear wife is  
now doing well, and the dear child  
in which it hath pleased God to give  
us is in good health. May we  
present them to the Lord who

gave them to us, and may He becom  
a child of God and an inheritor of  
the heavenly kingdom.

The Mission in New Zealand  
has at length contended with the  
trial of Sharron's death, but  
the distress was not so great as was  
expected as there was very much  
made between the parties.  
I trust that all will be well now  
and that the Mission will prosper  
our friends believe that the prospect  
in New Zealand never was greater.  
It may the great Head of the Church  
crown the labours of his servants  
wonder that the heathens might  
be brought home to God and enjoy  
with us spiritual delights.  
May all nations look upon Him  
who redeemed them with his  
most precious blood.

20th Sunday - The Revd J Leigh  
preached his powerful sermon this evening.

I have heard this sermon of God, at differ-  
ent times with very much pleasure and  
profit; & I believe that he has been very  
useful. His desire is to do good and  
to see good done. - There are several  
things in Mr Leigh worthy of imitation:  
His preaching is plain and pointed. His  
conduct good and regular. as a friend  
candid and permanent. as a super-  
naturalist, having at heart the condition  
of those who have not heard of the gospel  
of Christ.

In those respects I desire to be like  
him; but before I can I must have that  
Christian experience and knowledge  
of Characters which he has. I must  
have more of the mind of Christ than  
what I now have.

I am convinced of the necessity of going  
often to the Throne of Grace. - My mind  
has been much engaged with temporal things  
& so that my soul has not been much elevated  
&c. - May I awake from this sleep and put  
on Christ Jesus the Lord.

21 I cannot write anything to my satisfac-  
tion. My heart is taken up with earthly  
things. I read of good men being wholly devoted  
to God, and I feel anxious to tread in  
their steps; but such is the state of my  
soul, that it is in some little able to ask

Oh for grace to enable me to seek  
Christ as I ought. It is a mercy that  
God has not forsaken me. His Holy  
Spirit still operates upon my dark  
mind and reveals to me the blessedness  
of being an object of the Divine  
regard. Then may I be in earnest  
about the concerns of my soul.



25 Holiness of heart becomes the Christian, and such a man destined to the missionary work should be holy. The grand object of his mission is the spiritual welfare of the heathen. As it is the work of God, it will only prosper when we act as being accountable to Him.

The missionary gives up his previous engagements with a view of carrying the gospel to the enlightened parts of the world: his heart is deeply affected with the consideration of their deplorable condition; at the appointed time he sets sail for the field of labor; but very often, before he reaches the place of his appointment, his zeal is damped by circumstances of which he had no previous knowledge.

27 I may say many mercies and great unfaithfulness on my part.

I sometimes think that I have known but little of the missionary life. Although I have had difficulties innumerable, yet they are not worthy of being mentioned, when compared with many who have been engaged in the same work. I fear that my zeal for the heathen cause is but very low. Lord do thou smite in my heart love to Thee: stir up my heart to more concern for the heathen. View the condition of the heathen when we may their case is still as deplorable, and as loudly calls for pity.

Oh! What the same motives which first impelled me to propose entering into this important service may still influence me, and may I be actually engaged in this work and labor of love.

If I have the Saviour of sinners, I shall have sinners too.

I feel convinced of the necessity of giving  
all diligence to make my calling and election  
sure. The time which is past must be accounted  
for, and before there is nothing but eternity  
and this is the only time to make prepara-  
tions for a joyful ~~eternity~~ eternity.

I am sure that it is the happy  
privilege of every Christian to live in  
the enjoyment of the Divine favour.  
- To have a consciousness of sins forgiven  
- through the death & resurrection of  
Jesus Christ. Would that I lived  
under the influence of a hope  
gleaming with immortality, and  
that faith which looks to things above  
and, though not seen, yet treats  
them as if in possession.

May 1st There is but little probability  
of our sailing for New Zealand this mon-  
th - I feel very uneasy at being so long  
detained from the field of  
labour. I trust that it will not be  
much longer before we are permitted  
to join our dear Brethren in the  
missionary work.

I have very often questioned my  
motives, for staying in this Colony,  
but I cannot reproach myself.

It appeared not necessary to con-  
sult Mrs Baker's situation, and as  
she had been much afflicted  
on the voyage from England  
it was not considered prudent  
to proceed to New Zealand.

I believe that my only desire, with respect to the missionary work, is to be useful - It is not an easy thing to keep alive the true missionary spirit - all things seem combined against missionary proceedings. - The cause of missions is a disinterested undertaking. It is opposed to flesh and blood, and to all which this world holds dear.

The missionary is as much exposed to the world, as any other person, and his nature is as prone towards the enjoyment of it, as others - a good missionary cannot be of the world.

This is impossible, but there is danger of his becoming cumbered with the things of the world, and of his losing the missionary zeal which once filled his heart, and that absorbed his powers.

Oh! may the Spirit of Truth shine in my poor heart, and may His influence every thought, word, and action.

2<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup> Sunday - I desire to be in the Spirit on the Lord's day. My heart is so stubborn, and my will so perverse that it is not easy to do the things which I ought, and which if done would promote my present and eternal interest. - prayer to me is irksome: - a manifest sign that all is not well, that I am making but little progress in the Divine life - prayer is the soul of wisdom, and without it there cannot be any <sup>religious</sup> fulfilment of desires to live more to God, and to labour in His cause. It is a matter of grief to me, being so long detained from my station, and that even now not having a clear prospect of going in a few weeks. This is discouraging to me. perhaps I shall one day know why it is that I am thus prostrated.

I trust that I am looking for  
salvation through Christ alone. I feel  
His love drawing my soul after Him,  
and I am enabled to see a greater fulness  
in His merits. I wish to be conformed to  
His Image: to have His humility in  
members, and like Him go about  
doing good - Oh! for habitude of heart  
may the love of Christ be the constrain-  
ing motive of every action - Then shall  
I be happy, having a consciousness  
of the favour of God, which is better  
than life. Come heavenly Dove gently  
breathe into my soul the breath of life  
I sit my soul with heavenly peace  
and let Christ be formed in my heart  
the hope of glory

~~12th~~ There is now a  
12 There is now a probability of our  
being in New Zealand in a few weeks as  
I have this day agreed for our passage on  
board the Big Swimmer, which is likely  
to sail in a week

This is a great relief to me for I long  
to be engaged in the missionary work

I trust that we shall have a comfort-  
able passage. - I have this morning heard  
from Wargate, who seems happy in his station  
The Brothers there are very well and as  
Wargate says they are happy amongst them-  
selves, and do well with the natives  
These things are encouraging to me.  
I feel my spirits revived at  
this news, and I long to receive what  
I have so long wished to see.

