

a large English barque in the harbor. The Captain has been very kind to us, he is quite a gentleman and we do not feel afraid that our confidence will be abused in treating him kindly, for one of the Lon. Society missionaries, whom he brought out to Sydney, gives him a very high character. Why I say we are not afraid our confidence will be abused, is that we know that several missionaries have been unkindly treated by those seamen whom they had kindly treated. This Captain offered us several necessities, which we were very much pleased to get, as we were afraid of being short ere we could get our supplies from Sydney. He sends each family a bottle of milk every morning, this is very acceptable just now as we had very little, we shall soon have a supply however from our goats.

I must now draw this communication to a close. We have a great deal of writing to do, to send by this vessel. She goes to Britain by way of China. I have written in great haste, and have omitted many things I intended to have mentioned; but I trust at some other time I shall be able to send you a less hastily written, and more interesting letter. I trust you will use your exertions for our cause. We are not ashamed to beg out here. Needles, thimbles, thread and clothes for our schools, will be thankfully received. We thank you for what you have done; but, like all beggars, are encouraged by your kindness to ask for more. I hope when the 'John Williams' goes to Britain, to send you some curiosities; but it is difficult getting anything of the kind sent to America, and by her. However I shall make the trial, and if you do not get them, it will not be my fault. I should very much like to send some of the things made at the different islands to Nova Scotia, there is so little known or rather seen there of these things.

Altho' I am not personally acquainted with many of you, I trust you will overlook the plain and familiar manner in which I have written. I have been so much in the habit for several years, of writing to my own family, that I forget myself, still when so far from home, and among such a people, we feel as if every one that takes an interest in our cause, and sympathizes with us, was a familiar friend.

I find in looking over this letter, that I have mentioned many things that may not be at all interesting to many of you, and that may appear trifling, but I trust you will overlook anything of the kind, as I have had to write in great haste. I trust when we have been some months longer, I shall be able to send you a more interesting account of our labor, and of our success among this people. They are a very degraded people. Since I commenced this letter, I have heard of two women being