

Wairarapa Valley
Marlborough
N. Zealand.

Dear Sir: Mr Dawson.

I do not remember acknowledging
the receipt of your letter & parcel but if I om-
mitted to do so I am very sorry.

Probably I did as I sent the remainder
of ~~work~~ the work (Dr H.)

I have not received the latter M.S. because
if you posted it at the month's end after
receiving it the ship was lost on the N.Z.
coast. The mail for the North Island was
saved none for the South Island.

The two papers that you so carefully re-
turned, are packed up to be sent to Pass-
mor & Alabaster, Paternoster Buildings
and it is my earnest prayer that this
may not be fruitless.

Religion is at a low ebb now - we need
another Pentecostal Day. The World is
everything and it only leaves an
aching void: it cannot satisfy. Here
we want more ministers we have but one
our present curate is too much worked

he can only come once a month, from his home on Saturday 44 miles that day, on his way calls on the people of the Village, rests himself and horse, goes the remainder of his journey, holds a service at the station at the journey end. Returns Sunday morning, comes to my house which is near the Church and is at Church for 11 o'clock Service. Afterwards then has 27 miles to get to a church where he has a good congregation.

Until the last 4 years my end of the parish was supplied by myself, sometimes the Archdeacon came from Blenheim and I did all the Visiting: the people and the Bishop wished me to be ordained and to take the upper end of the parish but the Archdeacon was not agreeable but I had no pay nor present and for 14 years held morning service, had horse ready and rode among the people, got home and Church at 7 o'clock, but my day is done.

I am not ordained though came at the request the clergy I had for several years had the desire to work in the Church and my studies were directed for that work, I am in this country an Evangelist licensed for that work now many years, from 1854, and have acted without stipend. Hoping that God's Blessing rest upon the labors of his servants and send more workers into his vineyard is my constant prayer. From your Obedt Servant
James White.

James White
New Zealand
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