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82 people he was quite correct - they received me with  
the greatest hospitality & kindness they placed plenty of  
food before me but on account of my long abstinence  
from food & my exceeding weak state of body I thought  
it best to be very cautious in that particular especially  
as they informed <sup>me</sup> that I should have a good supper - they  
accordingly killed a fine fowl & baked a large cake but  
just as the fowl began to smell rather savoury & the cake  
was baked we heard the rattle of carriage wheels & the  
voice of some person saying have you a sick man with  
you - you replied the landlord of the house is he inside yes  
sir & in another moment a very respectable gentleman  
from Opanotama who exclaimed Oh how glad I am  
to find you -

are you ready to come back with me now rejoiced to  
find such a favourable opportunity of getting back I  
answered in the affirmative I turning round to my  
kind host & hostess I asked how much I was indebted  
to them for their hospitality Oh nothing at all was  
the reply & we are sure that if ever we stand in  
need of help & it is in your power to help us you  
will do so

After expressing my gratitude for their disinterested  
kindness I got into the carriage & was soon on my  
way to Opanotama which we reached soon  
after the sun went down & arrived at his house