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Visiting The Branches

IN April, the Dominion President, Mr. A. H. Macandrew, and Mrs. Macandrew, accompanied by the Dominion Secretary, Mrs. D. Anderson, visited the Wanganui, Taranaki, Bay of Plenty and Auckland Branches of the Society.

Leaving Wellington on April 24, the party were met at Wanganui by the Branch President, Mrs. F. Spurdle, and members of the Branch at the Shangri-La on St. John's Hill, where they were entertained at a very delightful informal luncheon. The opportunity was taken to meet those present and to discuss matters of common interest to members of the Society.

Later a visit was paid to the lakeside reserve and begonia house. Following that, those present were entertained by Mrs. Spurdle driving a little motor vehicle (built for her by her son)—this car, it was understood, is quite a feature of Wanganui. An amusing incident occurred when Mrs. Spurdle, seated in her car, "Tiraiki", was photographed with a very large tractor drawn up alongside it.

Historic Display

From Wanganui, the party proceeded to New Plymouth and attended a meeting of the Taranaki Branch held in the magnificent memorial building which incorporates the public library and other offices. The meeting was very well attended, and after an address by the Dominion President a display of extremely interesting historical relics and material was presented by individual members who, in each case, spoke of the history of the article exhibited.

The following day, April 25, the party went on to Putaruru, where a meeting of members of the Bay of Plenty Branch was held in the house of Mrs. Addenbrooke. After a welcome had been extended by the Branch President, Mrs. Cox, the Dominion President addressed the meeting and general conversation among those present then led to an exchange of information concerning matters

of interest to members. The conversation continued while a very fine supper was enjoyed by all.

The following day the party continued on to Auckland. The Branch there had arranged for its usual meeting to coincide with the visit of the Dominion President and party and a very pleasant gathering took place on the evening of that day.

The Branch President, Mr. Bishop, welcomed the visitors and, after an address by the Dominion President, the guest speaker, Captain Forbes, gave a very interesting talk on "Ships and the Sea". The proceedings concluded with supper and an interchange of ideas about the Society and its affairs.

Gratitude

The Dominion President, in reporting to the Dominion Council on the visit, expressed his gratitude to the Branches for the hospitality they provided and, above all, for the friendliness which was extended by all to himself and his wife.

Mr. Macandrew has asked that it be recorded in the Bulletin how greatly he and his wife appreciated such hospitality and spontaneous friendliness and to record also how much they were impressed by the wholehearted interest in and enthusiasm for the welfare and progress of the Society.

He also wishes to convey to members throughout the country that as a result of the visit he is fully convinced of the importance of personal contact between the Dominion Council and Branches and that an interchange of visits can do so much to ensure that the Society will continue to function as an indivisible entity so that all superficial misunderstandings may be dissolved and all superficial differences resolved.

TRIBUTES TO WAKEFIELD ON 99th ANNIVERSARY

EDWARD GIBBON WAKEFIELD, more than any other man, was responsible for the New Zealand we know today, said the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr. Gotz, at a short ceremony in Wellington commemorating the 99th anniversary of Wakefield's death.

He was deputising for the Prime Minister at the annual tribute to Wakefield beside his grave in the Bolton Street cemetery.

WAKEFIELD WAS ONE OF THE EMPIRE'S GREAT MEN, SAID MR. GOTZ.

Miss Irma O'Connor, of Auckland, great-granddaughter of Wakefield, also attended the ceremony.

Wellington City was a living memorial to Edward Gibbon Wakefield, Miss O'Connor said.

She was commenting on the fact that although £1,000 had once been appropriated to provide a memorial to the great colonist, that memorial had not yet been erected.

"Wellington city, however, is Wakefield's living memorial," she added.

The N.Z. Founders Society was represented by the Dominion president, Mr. A. H. Macandrew.

Force For Good

The Mayor of Wellington, Mr. Kitts, who placed a wreath provided by the late Lord Bledisloe on the founder's grave, said that it was due to the work of Wakefield and other great men like him that the British Commonwealth was a force for good in the world.

"He looked forward to the day when New Zealand would be a great and powerful nation exercising considerable influence in the Pacific," said Mr. Kitts, "and his vision has been proved true."

Praised, Maligned

"He was praised and maligned in his day, but today we gather here to do honour to his memory, for he was a great man," the Mayor added.

New Zealand could be justly proud of Wakefield's work, said the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Nash. "We can be proud of his work and forget his faults because of his great achievements."

Others taking part in the tribute to Wakefield's memory, apart from the Founders Society, were representatives of the Early Settlers Society and interested citizens.

NEW FEATURE TO INTEREST THE CHILDREN

A *NEW feature in the next issue (September) of the Bulletin will be a Junior Section for contributions from members' children aged from eight to 15 years.*

Articles of from 100 to 250 words on subjects dealing with pioneer times or about places of early historical interest will be welcomed.

The Society would appreciate the assistance of parents and branch committees in stimulating interest in this feature.

Contributions should be written on one side of the paper only, and sent to:

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YOUTH SUNDAY DREW LARGE CONGREGATION

A large congregation was present on May 21 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul when the Victoria League in Wellington held a Commonwealth commemoration service. Celebrations for Commonwealth Youth Sunday were held in conjunction with this service.

The Founders Society was represented by the Dominion President, Mr. A. H. Macandrew, and Mrs. Macandrew.

The Very Rev. Dean D. J. Davies conducted the service. Mrs. A. C. Dickens, president of the Victoria League, read the First Lesson, and the Governor-General Lord Cobham, read the Second Lesson.

Before the service representatives of the Scouts and the Girl Guides presented their colours to the Dean, immediately following this two members of the League's Younger Contingent carried forward a wreath which was later laid by Mrs. Dickens at the foot of Queen Victoria's statue in Kent Terrace.

Among those present were Lady Cobham, the Prime Minister, Mr. Holyoake, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Nash, the Mayor, Mr. Kitts, and Mrs. Kitts, together with representatives of Commonwealth countries.

Also represented in the congregation were the Armed Services, the Royal Commonwealth Society, the Royal Overseas League, the Navy League and the Maori people.

Travel In The 1880's Was Endurance Test

IN THIS AGE OF COMFORTABLE TRAVEL, IT IS INTERESTING TO LOOK BACK ON THE PAST WHEN MOVING FROM POINT TO POINT WAS A TEST OF PHYSICAL ENDURANCE.

The Society's Canterbury branch, in its informative newsletter, has been running an interesting series of articles on the story of Christchurch transport.

Here is an interesting excerpt from one issue, which had taken the story to the point where the motor vehicle had put the "express" carrier with his horse and cart off the road:

"But let us go back to 1863, the year which brought something really de luxe to the town—the hansom cab. W. Dunn had been granted a stand for his cab outside Ruddenklau's Hotel, but within two years eight hackney carriages were licensed. You could if you wished hire a four wheeler with the driver in front, but more likely it would be a hansom with the driver perched up on his dicky seat at the back. In bad weather he got the lot, and if he wished to speak to his fare he did so through a small trapdoor in the roof. The last hansom cab to travel the streets of Christchurch was built by Boon & Co., Ferry Road, in 1913, being driven by the owner, Robt. Allen, until 1941. In 1944 he presented it to the Canterbury Museum, where it may now be seen in the Canterbury Colonists' Galleries.

"In the 1860's coaches made their appearance running to outlying districts and competition became very keen, even resulting in accidents through drivers trying to pass one another on narrow roads. The city fathers had their problems. There were indignant protests about youths on horseback 'tearing headlong down the streets' while grocery carts were driven a 'a furious pace'. Cobb & Co. were warned about the use of coach bugles which had been the cause of many a runaway by horses tethered outside hotels.

"The volume of traffic was indeed a worry so the authorities decided on a census with a resulting surprise for everyone. On one day in 1862 there passed over the Market (now Victoria) Square bridge 10 bullock drays drawn by 58 bullocks, 51 horse drays drawn by 60 horses, 36 carts drawn by 51 horses, 20 head of cattle, 204 sheep, 1 donkey cart and 1000 pedestrians.

"No story on transport could possibly be complete without mention of trams whether they be horse, steam, electric, battery, petrol or diesel for Christchurch has had them all.

"It is now 82 years since the Canterbury Horse & Steam Tramway Company was formed in 1879 but they soon found themselves in trouble, went into liquidation and sold out to the Christchurch Tramway Co. Ltd., who extended their operations further into the outlying districts than their predecessors had done.

"The Council went into the business themselves but really as a matter of necessity, their one effort being the construction of 'a mortuary line' from Oxford Terrace to the Linwood Cemetery. It was all complete as coffin, mourners, relatives and friends all boarded the tram and moved off on what they thought to be a long journey.

"In 1889 the New Brighton Tramway Company came into existence, leased the Council's interests and extended the line to New Brighton. Not long after, the City and Suburban Company was formed; they constructed a tram line which ran via Stanmore Road to Burwood and North Beach.

"The steam tram at last completely replaced the horses but the former in its turn was threatened."

PIONEERING DAYS IN PORIRUA AREA

A COPY of the booklet produced to mark the 75th anniversary of Porirua School (1873-1948) has found its way to the editor's desk.

The first school at Porirua was built sometime before September 30, 1872, and situated about 50 yards past the corner of the old Main Road and Titahi Bay Road, just below the present schoolhouse.

What is particularly interesting about the journal is the section dealing with "Pioneering Days". It states: "One of the earliest of pioneering families of Porirua is the Wall family. They arrived in Wellington by the Lord William Bentick in 1841.

"They came to the half-way house, now called Glenside, until 1843, then on to Porirua, where they cleared the bush and farmed, and where descendants still reside.

"The Floyd family, other early residents, after some years living in Wellington, came to Porirua and kept the hotel, then called the Travellers' Rest.

To Glenside

"The Whitehouse family arrived on the same ship as the Walls, but went to Glenside before coming to Porirua. They cleared and farmed up on the western side of Porirua Harbour, about half-way to Titahi Bay. This family, too, has descendants still living and attending school at Porirua.

"The only known descendants left of the early settlers who arrived in sailing ships in Porirua Harbour are the Mexted families. George Mexted arrived at Porirua by sailing ship in the year, 1841. He went to Johnsonville for a while, and then came back to Porirua and settled and farmed up the end of Takapu Road, as it is now called. They had to pack all supplies through a track cut through the bush.

Cleared Bush

"The Maher and Stevens families were here very early and cleared the bush and farmed up the other end of the Takapu Valley.

"The Thompsons and McGraths were two other early settlers to take up farming, and their descendants are still about the district.

"The Jillets and Prossers settled here very early, and took to farming."

Take pride in your founder . . .

Having read "The Bulletin" pass it on to another member of your family, or to some friend. Interest them in the activities of The Founders Society. Unity is strength. The more members we possess greater will be the significance of this movement. Take pride in your founder forbears, help those who would keep their memory green, and remember—if you have something to communicate, get in touch with us.

Gay Scene At Dinner-Dance To Mark Commonwealth Day

SOME 250 guests, members of the six Commonwealth societies in Wellington, attended a dinner-dance to celebrate Commonwealth Day at the Majestic Cabaret, with the Governor-General (Lord Cobham) and Lady Cobham as guests-of-honour.

The six societies who combined to organise the celebration of Commonwealth Day, May 24, were: The New Zealand Founders Society, the Victoria League, the Royal Overseas League, the Royal Society of St. George, the Royal Commonwealth Society and the English Speaking Union.

Dinner was served at long tables spanning the carpeted dance floor which was later cleared for dancing, official guests being seated at a table on the south dais facing the assembly.

Arrangements of rose-pink chrysanthemums, anemones, roses, violets and iris stylis decorated the official table.

A committee of the Societies mentioned was formed, the Dominion President, Mr. A. H. Macandrew, being appointed chairman and the Dominion Secretary, Mrs. D. Anderson, appointed Secretary.

Official Table

At the official table with the Governor-General and Lady Cobham were the Prime Minister (Mr. Holyoake) and Mrs. Holyoake, the Australian High Commissioner (Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins) and Lady Collins, the High Commissioner for Canada (Mr. G. R. Heasman) and Mrs. Heasman, the acting High Commissioner for India (Mr. V. C. Vijaya Raghavan) and Mrs. Raghavan, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Nash), the Mayoress (Mrs. Kitts), Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Macandrew (New Zealand Founders Society), Mrs. A. C. Dickens (Victoria League), Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wraight (Royal Overseas League), Mr. Justice Hutchinson and Lady Hutchinson (Royal Commonwealth Society), Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Jackson (Royal Society of St. George), and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kennedy (English Speaking Union).

Lord and Lady Cobham opened the dance by leading in the first waltz.

Lady Cobham was wearing a full-skirted gown of gleaming green and gold lame, a pearl necklace and a large diamond brooch.

Mr. A. H. Macandrew and Mrs. Macandrew were host and hostess, Mrs. Macandrew wearing a full-length sheath gown of sea-mist blue brocade with an obi bow at the back. Her dress jewellery was in matching stones.

Mrs. Holyoake's full-length gown was of pastel and silver-patterned brocade worn with a matching stole and Mrs. Kitts wore a ballerina length dinner dress of green faille with matching velvet stole.

Their Excellencies were accompanied by Major I. M. Erskine and Mrs. Erskine, Lieut.-Commander C. M. Johnston, and the official secretary at Government House (Mr. D. C. Williams) and Mrs. Williams.

Organisers

The combined committee which organised the gathering comprised Mr. A. H. Macandrew, chairman (New Zealand Founders Society), Mrs. D. I. M. Anderson, secretary (New Zealand Founders Society), Mrs. A. C. Dickens (Victoria League), Mr. C. T. Clere and Miss L. Jones (Royal Commonwealth Society), Mr. D. A. Wraight and Mrs. J. Christie (Royal Overseas League), Mrs. W. E. Jackson and Mr. K. W. Kilpatrick (Royal Society of St. George), Mr. F. J. Kennedy and Mrs. E. M. Christie (English Speaking Union).

The table decorations were the work of Mrs. A. C. Dickens and Miss M. I. Wearing.

Announcements were made by Mr. D. G. Whyte.

Other Guests

Others present included Professor R. O. Earl and Mrs. Earl (Canada), who were guests of the High Commissioner for Canada, Mr. E. L. Benseman, Miss J. Sellar, Miss I. Turnbull, Miss I. Wearing, Miss C. Hammerton, Miss D. Wratt, Miss G. Hammerton, Mrs. Sage, Mrs. L. Walsh, Mrs. E. Ghourley, Mr. S. Wood, Mrs. S. Wood, Mrs. L. Frethey, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kedgley, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Broad, Mr. and Mrs. C. Loeber, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Dinniss, Mr. K. Longmore, Miss B. Burch, Mr. V. T. L. Cook, Miss E. Nicol, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mexted, Mrs. H. Tremewan, Mr. and Mrs. V. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gledstone, Mrs. M. Williams, Mr. G. Crombie, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Griffin, Mrs. D. King, Dr. Grange, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Middlebrook, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Laing, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Salek, Mrs. L. Sangster, Mr. A. Seed, Mrs. A. Burnard, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Diamond, Mr. and Mrs. H. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ingle, Miss A. Macandrew, Mrs. D. McCulloch, Miss P. Cahill, Mr. N. McNaught, Mr. C. J. Freeman (Early Settlers' Association), Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Clere, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Whyte, Sir William Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Raine, Capt. and Mrs. F. Taylor, Miss A. G. Kane, Miss L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Amos, Mr. and Mrs. K. Huffam, Miss M. N. Cooper, Miss T. M. Peckston, Mr. D. A. Bale, Mrs. V. M. Martin, Mrs. H. Davidson, Miss D. M. Buck, Mrs. B. Fabling, Mr. and Mrs. Warburton, Miss Rosemary Allen, Miss G. E. Walton, Mr. K. Whyte, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Luxford.

Also present were Mrs. J. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Robertshawe, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hofma, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hollyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. E. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woodland, Mrs. L. Osborn, Mr. M. Hallin, Mr. B. Lloyd, Mr. H. Roger, Mr. M. McMillan, Miss A. Mallinson, Mr. and Mrs. M. McPhersen, Mrs. M. H. Millar, Mr. and Mrs. J. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bacon, Mrs. B. G. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Farquharson, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fraser, Major C. H. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. A. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. M. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. B. Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. R. Field, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gibbons, Mr. A. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Shoter, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Conway, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. S. Woolcott, Mrs. H. Calvert, Miss E. Kelliher, Mr. and Mrs. I. McIntyre, Mr. G. Davidson, Mr. D. Olifent, Mrs. D. Millar, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. B. Veitch, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Arcus, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. O. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. S. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. K. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. I. Vernazoni, Mr. and Mrs. M. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Munt, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Shepherdson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kennedy, Mrs. E. M. Christie, Mrs. J. Bennie, Mrs. J. B. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. O. Conibear, Mr. and Mrs. K. McKenzie, Mrs. A. McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Perry, Mrs. D. H. Taylor, Mrs. A. Woodward, Mr. C. P. Todd, Mrs. T. Hight, Mr. R. Thomson, Mr. G. Parsons, Miss A. Moss, Miss B. Williams, Miss A. Darroch, Miss J. Nye, Mrs. H. McLennan, Mr. J. Pye, Mrs. J. Perry, Mr. R. G. Clare, Miss A. Slessor, Miss N. McIntosh and Miss K. Thomson.

Exciting Bullock Drive To Waikanae

AN Auckland correspondent, C. D. L. Maysmor, of One Tree Hill, writes:

"After reading in the N.Z. Founders Society's Bulletin of December, 1960, the story by 'Poneke' of the man that buried Te Rauparaha in which reference was made to my grandparents, Major and Mrs. Durie, it occurred to me that an account of their experience in travelling to Waikanae in those days might be of some little interest to members of the N.Z. Founders Society.

"The story was related to me by my mother who was Catherine Ann Maysmor, the eldest of the Durie family.

"We left Wellington for Waikanae in a bullock wagon drawn by six bullocks. The wagon was loaded with all our belongings and packed very high. Father and mother rode in front and we children were sitting packed in at the back.

Armed Guard

"The bullock driver walked beside the bullocks. There were three or four soldiers mounted on horses, as an armed guard. There was only a rough track to follow and no bridges over the creeks, etc.

"When we were nearing our destination we came to a stream which had to be crossed at a ford. The escort could not find the ford (which we learned later had been washed away by a 'fresh' in the creek). Father decided to cross the stream where the ford had been, so the bullocks were driven into the creek. When the leaders were half way across they almost disappeared in deep water and were then heading down stream with the wagon following half submerged, but floating.

In the Sea

"We were soon in the sea and there wasn't anything that we could do. We were very frightened as the bullocks were really swimming out to sea and the driver was quite unable to get to the leaders and turn them for the shore as he was riding in the wagon. Suddenly a Maori was seen swimming out to us, he caught up with the leading bullocks and succeeded in turning their heads for the shore. Oh, it was a relief to us all when the beasts had reached the beach, they just walked a few yards and stopped and shook themselves as if nothing had happened.

Brave Maori

"The brave Maori who saved us all was suitably rewarded by father and was made much of by the settlers which he richly deserved for his plucky action. It was weeks and weeks before we got our clothes and bedding dried out and during that time we were staying with friends who had settled in Waikanae.

"Lots of our possessions were ruined by the salt water and we had to have many things sent from Wellington and were soon able to settle down in our new home."

APPRECIATION

Appreciation of the hospitality extended by the Taranaki, Bay of Plenty, Wanganui and Auckland branches during a recent visit, was expressed by the Dominion President, Mr. A. H. Macandrew, at a recent Dominion Council meeting.

Mr. Macandrew was accompanied on the visit by Mrs. Macandrew and the Dominion Secretary, Mrs. D. Anderson.

Auckland News

PRESIDENT OUTLINES NEW BUILDING PLANS TO MEETING

The April meeting of the Auckland branch of the New Zealand Founders Society attracted an unusually large attendance to the Victoria League rooms to welcome the Dominion President, Mr. A. H. Macandrew, and Mrs. Macandrew, and the Dominion Secretary, Mrs. D. Anderson, and Mr. Anderson, who had arrived from Wellington the same day after visiting the Society's branches at Wanganui, New Plymouth and Putaruru en route. A past Dominion President, Mr. Arthur Seed, and two Hamilton members, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Sage, were also present.

The guests were received by the chairman of the Auckland Branch, Mr. T. A. Bishop and Mrs. Bishop.

Addressing the gathering at the chairman's invitation, Mr. Macandrew briefly described the growth of the Society and the work done at its headquarters at Wakefield House, Wellington.

He mentioned the likelihood that part of the old home of Edward Gibbon Wakefield would have to be demolished in the near future in view of the prospective further widening of The Terrace and outlined a proposal by the Founders Society to erect a 10-storey building on the vacant area of the property at the back while retaining as much of the old house as possible.

Folk Museum

If the scheme should prove practicable, it was hoped at last to have fireproof accommodation to establish a sort of folk museum of pioneer relics to which a great many members of the Founders would be able, and no doubt glad, to make contributions.

Captain James Forbes, Marine Surveyor, then gave an address on "Ships and the Sea," with particular reference to the extremely uncomfortable living conditions that prevailed on sailing ships, both for the passengers and even more for the crew, at the time when the first organised settlers came out on the long voyage to New Zealand.

A very successful evening concluded as usual with supper.

New Members Welcome Evening In Capital

The Society took a new step in Wellington recently when it held an evening in Wakefield House to welcome new members.

Those who had joined the society in recent months were specially invited and the total attendance of new and old members was well over 100. Identification tags helped to stimulate conversation and it was agreed, particularly by the guests, that the purpose of the evening was well served.

It is almost certain to be repeated at regular intervals. Early in the evening the Dominion President, Mr. A. H. Macandrew, extended a welcome, and later Mr. Duff Daysh, a foundation member and former president of the society, spoke briefly of the society's early days and of its aims and objectives.

During the evening Mrs. Audrey Heinsius sang several popular songs in which the attendance spontaneously joined.

NEW VISION NEEDED, LORD COBHAM SAYS

Communism had never yet crossed the borders of prosperity; it thrived on vacuums, poverty and discontent, the Governor-General (Lord Cobham) said in a Commonwealth Day address in Wellington.

Lord Cobham added:

"Unless the advanced nations are prepared to sacrifice a great deal to help backward and under-developed people those people will inevitably turn to the system which guarantees three square meals a day and a planned industrial expansion in return for that freedom which those same peoples have never known."

The Colombo Plan was a step in the right direction, said Lord Cobham, but he believed it should be enlarged both in numbers and scope.

Reassessment

"The advanced nations of the West need a new vision of greatness to inspire their efforts, a reassessment of aims, possibly a new and powerful religious revival to awaken the whole Commonwealth and spur the nations to greater heights than they have ever known," Lord Cobham added. "We cannot counter efficient materialism with a display of mere apathetic luxury; we must let the native peoples of our old Empire know that the white men are willing and eager to take them into active and honourable partnership, as their own gifts of mind and spirit develop, and that we will forswear for ever the blasphemy of regarding any of God's children as inferior by reason of their colour, race, or creed."

To effect this the Commonwealth countries would have to keep in ever closer touch with Great Britain and each other, Lord Cobham said. Great understanding of each other's problems was needed, but with patience and good will he believed the problems could be solved—but only if the constituent members of the Commonwealth turned their power towards the creation of a nobler and ampler society in which all free men could join as equals.

Pertinent

In 1885 Joseph Chamberlain had asked a very pertinent question: "I ask what ransom will property pay for the security it enjoys?" said Lord Cobham.

"If there is a central theme in English history, going right back to the Elizabethan period, it is this—that we have progressively yielded up some of our wealth and liberty in order that, in political and social stability, we could safeguard the rest. By these means we have always met our revolutions half way (the words are Professor Hurstfield's), and have absorbed our revolutionary principles into the timeless traditions of Parliamentary procedure and the common law.

"In other words, if we have a political genius and perhaps we have, it is in letting the steam out of the boiler gradually, and internally this has proved our salvation from the violent explosions which have rocked and ruined those people whose rulers tried screwing down the safety valve.

Unknown

"This was an admirable policy in a more leisurely age. But during the past 50 years the tempo has quickened fantastically and alarmingly. People and peoples are demanding absolute freedom, which is a condition unknown to the historian. In advanced countries, complete freedom of the individual is voluntarily surrendered in return for stability, and we call it a free society. When liberty is restrained by force, we call it tyranny.

"There are, however, other forces which can stifle liberty—and stifle it more effectively possibly even than force. Hungry people are not free, sick people are not free, ignorant people are not free. Real freedom of thought is impossible unless the facts are known; in any other con-

Great Grand-daughter Of E. G. Wakefield

A great grand-daughter of Edward Gibbon Wakefield present at his graveside in Bolton Street Cemetery when the annual tribute was paid to his memory on May 16, the anniversary of his death, was Miss Irma O'Connor.

Miss O'Connor lives with her sister, Miss Beryl O'Connor, in Aumoe Avenue, St. Heliers, Auckland.

The sisters' mother before her marriage was Miss Nina Wakefield. She died in 1941 and her only sister, Miss Priscilla Wakefield, died 11 years ago.

Miss Irma O'Connor is editor and advertising manager for the Automobile Association bulletin at Auckland.

Though a regular invitation to attend has been sent to the O'Connor household it is a number of years since a representative has been able to be present.

Misses Irma and Beryl O'Connor have only vague recollections of their grandfather as he died when they were very young. He was Edward Gibbon Wakefield's only son, Jerningham Wakefield, who came out to New Zealand at the age of 19 and lived mainly in Canterbury. His only sister, Nina, died at the age of 17 in Lisbon.

Wrote His Life

The sisters, however, have an intimate knowledge of the life and deeds of their great-grandfather. Once while visiting England Miss Irma O'Connor was offered a contract to write an account of his life. It was called "Edward Gibbon Wakefield—the Man Himself" and was published by Hutchinson.

For this book Miss O'Connor did a tremendous amount of research through newspaper files, at the Canterbury Museum and in the General Assembly and Turnbull Libraries. Family documents helped give authenticity to the biography.

And the whole of the project has given the writer an extensive knowledge of New Zealand history and personalities. She is secretary of the Auckland branch of the Founders Society.

Miss Beryl O'Connor has not worked for some years but runs the household.

WORLD EVENTS

At the request of members of the New Zealand Founders Society, Mrs. K. J. Holyoake, wife of the Prime Minister, gave a talk recently as a background to world events today.

Many questions were asked by the large attendance of women, who showed a lively interest in overseas developments.

The gathering, held at Wakefield House, was most interesting and successful and at the conclusion of Mrs. Holyoake's bright talk, afternoon tea and general conversation were enjoyed.

The guest of honour was received by the wife of the Dominion Council president of the Founders Society (Mrs. A. H. Macandrew) and the president of the women's committee (Mrs. D. B. Coates).

The rooms had been most attractively decorated by Mrs. J. McPherson with arrangements of dahlias, gladioli, and chrysanthemums.

Solos were sung by Mrs. A. Heinsius, Mrs. B. Orchiston playing accompaniments.

dition, opinion becomes purely subjective or instinctive.

"The first half of the 20th century has been devoted to the advancement of reasonable equality of wealth within the advanced nations. Perhaps the future of the Commonwealth depends upon our being able to achieve a far more equitable distribution of wealth between the constituent States," Lord Cobham said.

Blush Of Shame Gone, Dr. Mazengarb Says

Far too much had been said and written lately about what passed under the name of "juvenile delinquency", a term which suggested that the full responsibility for youthful excesses lay with the teenagers themselves, Dr. O. C. Mazengarb, Q.C., told a luncheon meeting of the N.Z. Founders Society in Wakefield House, Wellington, on June 14.

"Parental delinquency is not much better," he added when talking on "Gone is the Blush of Shame".

Citizens may pass resolutions of protest against the lawlessness of the young, Magistrates may breathe out threatenings of heavier punishments, and the Justice Department may acquire new institutions and devise new methods of dealing with wrongdoers, he said, but nothing would be as effective as the restoration of that sense of shame which, in former years, was the best deterrent to wrongdoing.

Dr. Mazengarb's extensive and timely address was appreciated by an attentive audience.

TARANAKI CHILDREN AT COMMEMORATION

For the first time in the annual commemoration of Founders' Day by the Taranaki branch of the New Zealand Founders Society in the Te Henui cemetery, New Plymouth, there was an emphasis on youth expressed by the presence of pupils from the New Plymouth Boys' and Girls' High Schools and of girls from the Rangiatea Methodist Maori Girls' School.

Another accent on youth was provided by the youngest member of one of Taranaki's oldest European families, seven-year-old Nigel Faull, through his association with the branch president, Mr. L. M. Nutt, in laying a wreath on the grave of the first superintendent of the province, Mr. F. A. Carrington.

A fair-sized gathering at the graveside included the mayors of New Plymouth and Waitara, Messrs. A. G. Honnor and W. R. Yardley, Messrs. E. P. Aderman and T. T. Murray, M.P.s, and county representatives. An address was given by the Rev. M. Jackson Campbell. A presentation was made to the immediate past-president of the branch, Mr. R. G. Jamieson.

SPEAKERS

Prominent Wellington barrister and solicitor, Mr. G. C. Kent, proved a very entertaining speaker when he addressed a Founders Society luncheon in Wakefield House. Mr. Kent drew of his wealth of experience in the Courts of New Zealand.

Well-known personality, Mr. Caesar Cohen, gave an amusing talk to another Wakefield House luncheon in April entitled "The Wandering Jew".

Another entertaining speaker was the Chief of Naval Staff, Rear-Admiral P. Phipps.

Life Member

In view of the outstanding services rendered to the Taranaki Branch over a number of years, in his capacity as President and Secretary of the Branch, Mr. R. G. Jamieson has been appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Society under Rule 19 (b) of the rules of the Society.

The motion was carried unanimously at a recent Dominion Council meeting.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Jamieson expressing appreciation of his services.

BLENHEIM'S ARRIVAL

In a letter to his sister, Miss Mattie Calders, of Auckland, Mr. Ken Calders, of Wakefield Street, Lower Hutt, mentioned that on the day of the official opening of Wakefield House, Wellington, there were present many descendants of those who had arrived by the Blenheim "on Christmas Day, 1840."

Most of them, he said, "Grandfather Calders had persuaded or influenced to go to the Wairarapa and had also taken them there from what is now known as Lake Ferry via the Palliser Bay route and up past what is now Pirinoa."

Mr. Calders also referred to the frequently repeated and generally accepted statement that the Blenheim arrived at Wellington on December 27, whereas he asserts positively that the ship arrived on December 25, very early in the morning. He suggests as a likely reason for the mistake that, arriving on Christmas Day, everyone would be very busy both on that day and on Boxing Day. Consequently it was not till the 27th day of December that the ship was officially noted as having arrived."

"Grannie Calders, née McKenzie, was over 21 years of age," said Mr. Calders, "and she and the rest of the family, four girls and one boy and their parents, all had Christmas dinner on shore at the expense of the Captain and crew, as she often related to Snowy, Babe and myself on wet schooldays and Saturdays at the old Stoke house, Waimarama." This incident would be related "together with other happenings on the voyage out, such as the chicken (pullet) that laid the wonder egg that saved the woman's life. There was also the story of a wager with the Captain over the arrival date, which of course highlighted the date of arrival."

Incidentally Miss Irma O'Connor, of Auckland, who was present as an official guest at the opening of Wakefield House, recalls that it was Mr. Calders who took her upstairs and showed her the door of the room on the right where her great-grandfather, Edward Gibbon Wakefield, actually died. He also told her it was his grandfather who used to take her great-uncle, Colonel William Wakefield, across to Nelson in his ship.

Pacific Not Forever "A Human Zoo"

Pacific Islanders could not be expected to remain for ever in "human zoos", the Chief of Naval Staff, Rear-Admiral P. Phipps, said to the N.Z. Founders Society luncheon recently.

He said the "charming" people of the Islands would not be kept in the same primitive state of life as their ancestors. They were on the threshold of a way of life their ancestors had not fitted them for.

New Zealand bore a large share of the responsibility of combating problems associated with this progress in the Pacific. With Canada and Australia it had to extend Commonwealth ways and ideals through the Islands.

Looking to N.Z.

The Islanders were looking more and more to us for help and guidance in their progress to independence, he said. The problems were growing now, and the Commonwealth would have to face up to them.

The new Polynesian wanted education, the opportunity to travel, and other benefits of civilisation, not the prospect of spending his life fishing and remaining as his ancestors had been.

Read-Admiral Phipps has visited numerous Pacific Islands since the war. He explained that he had seen the real Island life that tourists did not see on the sea and air routes.

New Members of Founders Society

Name	Address	Ship		Ancestor
Mr. W. F. R. Atkinson	Taranaki	Fyfeshire	1842	Joseph Cousins
Mrs. A. Scott	Wellington			Mary McLean
Miss M. J. Hardcastle	Wellington	Maori	1858	Thomas Hardcastle
Miss N. M. Knox	Wellington	Lady Nugent	1841	Thomas Bevan
Miss M. J. W. Small	Wellington			James Small
Mr. A. V. Hunter	Bay of Plenty	Caroline Agnus	1855	Mary Ann Carroll
Mr. J. B. Nixon	Wellington	London	1840	John Nixon
Miss E. M. Wallace	Wellington	Amelia Thompson	1841	John Wallace
Mr. B. M. Smith	Wairarapa	Cuba	1839	William Mein-Smith
Mr. D. L. E. Smith	Wairarapa	Cuba	1839	William Mein-Smith
Mr. W. S. Smith	Wairarapa	Cuba	1839	William Mein-Smith
Mr. I. F. E. Wilson	Wellington	Aurora	1840	James Petherick
Mrs. M. B. Carmody	Wairarapa	Blenheim	1841	James Brown
Mrs. O. F. Hughes	Taranaki		1829	Joseph Price
Mrs. M. B. Anderson	Wellington	Bernicia	1848	Dr. Robert Williams
Mrs. M. D. Anderson	Auckland	Duchess of Argyle	1848	George Campbell
Miss C. R. Rothery	Auckland	Duchess of Argyle	1848	George Campbell
Mr. D. L. Boyde (Jr.)	Taranaki	Cuba	1839	William Mein-Smith
Mrs. P. Rushbridge	Christchurch	Slains Castle	1841	Joseph Richards
Mr. H. C. Rushbridge (Jr.)	Christchurch	Slains Castle	1841	Joseph Richards
Mr. R. D. Hunter	Auckland	Duke of Roxburg	1840	George Hunter
Mrs. I. Hunter	Auckland			Frederick John Knox
Mrs. I. F. Andrews	Christchurch	London	1842	George Feldgate
Mr. B. A. Blumenthal	Wairarapa	Duchess of Argyle	1842	Robert Scott
Mrs. M. I. Aston	Wanganui	Lady Nugent	1841	Frederick Bolton
Miss A. J. W. Lauchlan	Wellington	Aurora	1840	William Welch
Mr. K. R. Skilton	Wanganui	Fyfeshire	1840	Major Thomas Moore
Mrs. G. L. Adams	Wellington	Mary Ann	1842	George McRae
Mrs. M. A. Jenman	Wanganui	Bernicia	1849	Francis Williamson
Miss A. J. Bennett	Wellington	Timandra	1842	Simon Andrews
Mrs. A. E. B. McColl	Christchurch	Duke of Portland	1854	Edward Garland
Mrs. M. B. de Beer	Christchurch	Duke of Portland	1854	Edward Garland
Rev. Father A. D. Maher	Christchurch	Lord Auckland	1842	Michael Maher
Rev. Father P. K. Maher	Christchurch	Lord Auckland	1842	Michael Maher
Father J. E. Goulter	Christchurch	Fyfeshire	1842	Cyrus Goulter
Miss E. A. Travers	Christchurch	Castle Eden	1851	George Edward Mason
Mr. P. J. Oakes	Christchurch	Bolina	1840	John Oakes
Miss C. K. Oakes	Christchurch	Bolina	1840	John Oakes
Mrs. M. B. Priest	Christchurch	Mary Anne	1859	Margaret Mears
Mr. A. C. Priest	Christchurch	Travencore	1851	Francis Priest
Mrs. T. P. Draffin	Auckland			William Graham
Mrs. A. Lowden	Auckland	Sophia Pate	1841	John Wilkinson
Mr. L. Salek	Wellington	Dauauchelles Bay	1854	Morris Salek
Miss P. Chubb	Wellington	Cornwell	1851	John Bealey
Mr. A. R. McPherson	Wellington	Cressy	1850	Henry Cleaver
Mr. C. M. Nicholls	Bay of Plenty	Clifton	1847	James Cleary
Miss M. Walker (Jr.)	Wanganui	Phoebe Dunbar	1850	George Walker
Mrs. M. A. Nicholls	Wanganui	Achilles	1839	Rev. Richard Taylor
Mr. J. A. Nicholls	Wanganui	London	1842	William Bishop
Mr. A. S. Kilsby	Wairarapa	Bolton	1840	John Woodman
Miss M. B. Bramley	Wairarapa	Fyfeshire	1842	John Poynter
Mr. J. R. Langdon (Jr.)	Wairarapa	Lady Leigh	1841	Robert Langdon
Mrs. O. C. Court	Wairarapa	Blundell	1848	Robert Chapman
Mr. I. S. Matthews	Auckland	Sir John Falstaff	1841	Dr. Richard Matthews
Mrs. O. B. Darby	Christchurch	Travencore	1851	Francis Priest

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