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Centenary Graveside Ceremony

Wakefield's Lustre Still Undimmed; Mr. Kitts

The hallmark of Edward Gibbon Wakefield's greatness was that, though everything good and everything bad that could be said about him had been said, the lustre of his name had not been dimmed. In the critical times through which New Zealand was passing there was need of such men of vision.

So stated the Mayor of Wellington, Mr. Kitts, at a special ceremony near Wakefield's grave in the Bolton Street Cemetery to mark the centenary of the New Zealand founder's death.

About 100 people assembled beneath a spreading oak tree in the cemetery to pay tribute to Wakefield.

Wakefield's two great-grand-daughters, the Misses Beryl and Irma O'Connor, of Auckland, lingered by the grave at the conclusion of the service.

TRIBUTES

Tributes to the man who brought a fresh and enlightened vision of colonisation to the British Empire of his day, and who helped to lay the foundations of the Commonwealth of today, were paid by several speakers before the service conducted by the secretary of the Wellington branch of the National Council of Churches (the Rev. W. E. D. Davies).

The Minister of Education (Mr. Tennent), who was representing the Prime Minister (Mr. Holyoake) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Nash), the president of the Early Settlers and Historical Association (Sir Arthur Harper) and the president of the New Zealand Founders Society (Mr. A. H. Macandrew) also spoke of the qualities which had made Edward Gibbon Wakefield's name live forever in the history of New Zealand.

GREATEST ?

Mr. Nash described Wakefield as "perhaps the greatest of all pioneers."

Among those present were the presidents of the Founders Society in Wanganui (Mrs. F. Spurdle), Christchurch (Mr. A. H. Oakes) and Bay of Plenty (Mrs. M. Cox).

At the conclusion of the service wreaths were laid on the grave.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Recent activities of the Society in Wellington included:

Miss I. M. O'Connor, a direct descendant of Edward Gibbon Wakefield, was guest speaker at a luncheon in May. She was making a special visit to Wellington to be present on the occasion of the centennial of E. G. Wakefield's death.

Miss O'Connor proved a very eloquent speaker and was well qualified to present material of particular interest to members.

A Morning Coffee Party was held on Friday, May 11, at 10.30 a.m. at Wakefield House to entertain Miss I. M. O'Connor and her sister, Miss B. O'Connor, on the occasion of their visit to Wellington.

LIFE AMONGST MISSIONARIES IN NEW ZEALAND — Mary Rymill

By F.E.H.

I would like to begin at the end of my tale by describing my dear old friend Miss Rymill as she was at the time. She is a short old lady, well over 70 years, with hair of that light flaxen colour that is long in turning grey, small blue eyes, a long, large face, with plain features, but with such a quiet dignity of manner, united with such kindness, such warmth and sympathy, that she is a general favourite, and her house a very usual rendezvous of Tuesday, when being 'market day', Rangiora is attractive to country folk of all classes, besides which old friends passing through, or coming up from the south on business, or from Christchurch on general duties, always seem to manage to find time to make their way to her house.

She is not always able to see them, as a tendency to severe cold, and a great weakness of the heart, has enfeebled her much the last year or two. She was in such a weak state at the beginning of this last winter that many who loved her feared much for her during the unusual continuation of damp weather, but she has not only passed through it, but now that the spring has come, is occasionally able to take a turn on the asphalt up and down her quiet little street. Having said this much of her at the present time, I will refer to the notes she has given me of her past life.

LARGE FAMILY

Mary Rymill was born in Banbury early in the twenties. She was one of the members of a large family, who, while she was quite young, became separated and scattered, both father and mother dying. Mary was taken by an aunt, who lived at Chelsea. Her aunt was good to her, and sent her to school, and in other ways fulfilled her duty to her, but as she advanced in her teens, certain discomforts arose between her aunt and the uncle, who was her guardian, with regard to her money matters, which had the effect of making her feel unsettled and less happy. Her aunt had a friend in the city, at whose house Mary sometimes visited. During one of these visits, while she was still at school, she met a Mrs. Pigott and her daughter, who came one day to make a morning call.

Mary was much attracted when she heard that very shortly she was to be married to the Rev. Robert Maunsell, who was an accepted missionary by the C.M.S., and was destined for New Zealand, where he was to be stationed at a point in the North Island, untouched till then by English Missionaries.

Mary only saw the young bride-elect once more before her marriage, and subsequent departure for New Zealand. Five years after this during another visit to her aunt's friend, Mrs. Pigott came in, her face anxious and troubled, and her mind full of the bad news she had received about her daughter Susie (Mrs. Maunsell), who was the mother of four little boys. The babies had come quickly, the life was sadly rough to one accustomed to the comforts of an English home, her health completely gave way, and she had none but native servants to depend upon for help.

Poor Mrs. Pigott exclaimed, "What would I not give to be able to go to her, but my home duties make it impossible." Mary had been a quiet but deeply interested

listener to the sad tale, but at this juncture such an earnest longing came over her that she stood up and said energetically, "I wish I could go."

Mrs. Pigott looked at her, and then said, "You, my child, you don't know what you are talking about," and soon after concluded her visit. But the sweet face of the girl that she had met five years before haunted Mary.

She went home, and said nothing to anybody, but the longing to go to New Zealand and help the frail young

A sketch of her life when amongst
the C.M.S. missionaries in the North
Island of New Zealand. (Part I.)

mother grew so strong that she very soon made an excuse for going to the city, where she got Mrs. Pigott's address from her aunt's friend, and went to see Mrs. Pigott, who having scarcely thought a second time of the impetuous exclamation, was utterly astonished at Mary's persistent wish.

INCREDULOUS

At first she was incredulous, then much touched, and finally began with her to consider whether such a step would be possible. In those days a voyage to New Zealand was a formidable undertaking. The aunt was away at Weston Supermare, but the brother and sister with whom Mary was staying looked upon the idea as so incredulous as to be hardly worth consideration. However, the persistency of their young sister at last began to trouble them, and they thought they had better at once put all idea of the scheme out of her head by allowing her to write to her guardian, asking for an advance of money, feeling perfectly assured that the stern old man would not only refuse the request, but be angry at her proposition.

To their surprise he not only sent the money, but applauded, saying it was good for young people to see the world, that three or four years of usefulness away from the Old Country would do her no harm, and he told her to be ready to sail in three weeks' time, as he could get her an introduction to Bishop Selwyn and his sister, who would be then sailing for Australia. So in three weeks from that time, in the year 1841, Mary found herself on board the "Tomatere", bound for New Zealand via Sydney, her only grief being that she had not said good-bye to her aunt, or even in those days of fair postal arrangements received an answer to her communication. But she was young and buoyant, and specially comforted herself by the thought that she would be back with her again in three or four years' time.

Of the kindness of Bishop Selwyn and his sister during the long five months on board of the "Tomatere", Mary cannot speak too warmly, and on landing at Sydney they took her to the house prepared for them, to await the departure of a boat for New Zealand. Six months elapsed before a boat fit for her to travel in was announced to be leaving Sydney. She arrived in Auckland in June, 1842, and with the escort provided for her at once started south

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AUCKLAND SISTERS ARE LAST OF WAKEFIELD FAMILY IN N.Z.

No ghost of Edward Gibbon Wakefield disturbed the slumbers of his great-grand-daughters, Misses Irma and Beryl O'Connor, of Auckland, who were spending a fortnight at Wakefield House, The Terrace, where Edward Gibbon lived for seven years before he died.

The sisters were happy and proud about E.G. and his part in New Zealand colonisation.

"He had his faults but they were offset by his good qualities—his courageous outlook and his foresight" said Miss Irma O'Connor, recently, standing beside a portrait of her much-discussed ancestor, the centenary of whose death was honoured on May 16.

ELOPEMENT

"After all, his sensational elopement with the schoolgirl Miss Turner (his second marriage) was never consummated and it was only planned as a mad escapade, common in those days," said Miss O'Connor. "And E.G. did choose to return to England from Paris, where he left the girl with a family friend, and faced the wrath of his father-in-law. That was many years before he embarked upon his colonisation plans."

The Misses O'Connor are the daughters of Nina Wakefield, whose father, Jerningham, was E.G.'s only son.

Jerningham came to New Zealand in the Tory in 1839 as secretary to his uncle Colonel William Wakefield, when he came to negotiate with the Maoris for the sale of land to found Wellington.

HEIRLOOMS

Miss O'Connor wears a seal ring which belonged to Edward Gibbon. She remembers her grandmother, who once owned it, referring to the motto on the ring, *Spero (I hope)* and commenting, "And how I needed it, too."

Another of Miss O'Connor's links with those early years is a beautiful silver inkstand, which was presented to Edward Gibbon's grandmother Mrs. Priscilla Wakefield, who started the first Savings Bank in England.

"When New Plymouth Savings Bank celebrated its centenary several years ago, this Mrs. Wakefield featured in a portrait and article," Miss O'Connor said.

A.A. BULLETIN

A former journalist (she worked for the New Zealand Herald and Weekly News for some years) Miss Irma O'Connor was commissioned in England, to write a biography of Edward Gibbon Wakefield a few years ago.

She spent some time in publicity work in England, then, on returning to New Zealand became both editor and advertising manager of the A.A. Bulletin, a job she carried out for 13 years.

Last year she retired and she and her sister live quietly at Kohimarama, Auckland. Miss Irma O'Connor is secretary of the Auckland branch of the New Zealand Founders Society.

Miss O'Connor has taken part in many historical celebrations which she always enjoys greatly. Outstanding among these was the Christchurch centenary in 1950 when she represented her family, and was bracketed in programmes with John Godley who became Lord Kilbracken during his journey to New Zealand. His ancestor, Godley



Miss Irma (left) and Miss Beryl O'Connor in front of a portrait of their famous ancestor.

planted the settlement which Edward Gibbon Wakefield had planned.

Edward Gibbon came to New Zealand in 1853. He settled in Christchurch first, at Coldstream, and came to Wellington later. A great-uncle of Miss O'Connor went to found Nelson in 1842 and perished in the Wairau massacre.

DR. BARROW GIVES SUPPORT

TIME NOW TO ACT ON WAIRARAPA HISTORY

Now was the time to act—before it was too late, said Dr. T. T. Barrow, ethnologist at the Dominion Museum, Wellington, when commending Mr. K. R. Cairns, of Masterton, on his campaign to uncover the early history of the Wairarapa.

A member of the Polynesian Society council and the New Zealand Archaeological Association, Mr. Cairns has sent a circular to all Wairarapa farmers seeking information about Maori sites on their properties.

Dr. Barrow said he hoped Mr. Cairns' survey would have far-reaching results, and make a significant contribution to present knowledge of the Wairarapa's early history. Mr. Cairns could count on the Dominion Museum for help.

Mr. Cairns' circular states that the survey cannot succeed without the help of everyone who had the slightest information to offer.

"Any minor detail about Maoris of this district is vitally important, as one small detail may be the key to an infinitely larger issue," he says.

Information received would be included in a book to be called "The History of the Wairarapa Maoris."

"This survey will be the basis for a study which may take 50 years or more to complete," the circular states.

QUESTIONS

Mr. Cairns asks that each farmer answer the questions on the circular, as follows:—

Have previous owners or employees ever mentioned Maori sites on your property, or your neighbour's?

Have any traces of such sites been seen?

Do you know of any Maori stories about your district?

Do you know the original meaning of places names nearby?

Are there any pits of unknown origin on your property?

Does your property have any shell heaps, burnt stones, charcoal deposits, stone walls, burials, Maori forts or pas, caves, stone outcrops, etc.?

Have any stone tools or wooden Maori artifacts been found on or near your property?

Do you know of any Maori sites which may be destroyed in the future?

The circular asks the farmer to refer the questions to employees and their families, and also to advise if Maori sites have already disappeared from the property.

IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE

The importance of family life both to the early settlers and in the world today was emphasised by the president, Mr. I. D. Cameron, during a family evening held by the Wairarapa Branch.

Members and eligible friends gathered in the Old Folks Hall for singing, games, magic for the young and dancing to the music of Mr. J. Barnes' orchestra.

The children's party frocks and gay fancy dresses added a colourful touch. One young sailor lass aptly displayed the name of her ancestor's ship "Martha Ridgeway" on her hat.

There were present at least three groups of three generations and I feel they should be mentioned; but I sincerely trust I have not missed any others. Mrs. G. Burling with her daughter Mrs. Nancy Rayner and grand-daughter Carolyn formed one group, Mrs. L. A. Thomson with her daughter Mrs. Margaret Hamill and grand-children, Prudence and Peter Hamill made up another while Mrs. I. Ball, her daughter Mrs. Leona van Berlo, her son Mr. Oliver Ball and grand-children Pieter and Margaret van Berlo and Timothy Ball were the third group.

Everyone felt that the evening had been most successful and as a result eight new members were enrolled.

MARY RYMILL

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on pack-horses for the mission station at Waikato Heads. After some rough travelling, sometimes riding, sometimes forced to walk, resting at different points of their journey, they arrived at the station, where a warm welcome awaited her, not only from Mr. and Mrs. Maunsell but from the whole household, the baby of nine months old at once putting his little arms round her neck, and she says in her reminiscences, "Need I say how I loved him."

She was greeted by the native servants, Tapaia and Mary Ahipara, with warm shakes of the hand, and in a few days began to be at home with them. With Mr. and Mrs. Maunsell and their children all was right, the children at once regarding her as a second mother, while Mrs. Maunsell gratefully and lovingly accepted the help and sympathy so sorely needed.

The station was only in its infancy but she was surprised at the civility and ready obedience of the natives around

them. Tapaia and Mary Ahipara were told to speak to her only in true Maori, instead of mixing it with the few English words they had learned, and of which they were very proud. In this way she got a good knowledge of the language and in a very short time she could speak it fairly well. Her time was fully occupied from the day she arrived. Mrs. Maunsell did all that her strength would allow, but the greater part of the superintending of the household and much actual work fell on Mary. There was the children to attend to, and constant superintendence needed by the native servants.

It was necessary to see to the beginning and ending of everything if it was to be done properly and tidily, and their sometimes shiftless ways made them very trying, but there was a kind of artlessness about them that made them lovable, and their wish to do right and obey made it easy to forgive their shortcomings, especially when remembering that civilised manners and customs were still a novelty to them.

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Death Of Former Bulletin Editor, Mr. Eric Ramsden

The death occurred recently after a short illness of Mr. George Eric Oakes Ramsden, well-known Wellington journalist and a former editor of the Bulletin. He was 63.

Mr. Ramsden had a wide reputation as an art critic, author and authority on Maori and Polynesian culture.

For the past 18 years Mr. Ramsden had been on the staff of the "Evening Post."

Mr. Ramsden was born in Martinborough in 1898 and received his education in the Wairarapa district. He joined the staff of the Bank of New South Wales at Wanganui and later worked for a time on a sheep station near Castiepoint.

In 1919 he joined the staff of the "Wairarapa Age" in Masterton, later transferring to the Auckland "Star" and the "New Zealand Times." For many years he was in Sydney, and for a time was pictorial editor and special writer on the staff of the "Sydney Morning Herald." In 1935 he went to Tahiti with the American novelist Charles Nordhoff, and spent some time in French Oceania.

MANY INTERESTS

He specialised in Maori and Pacific history. In Sydney he succeeded Professor Raymond Firth as president of the Anthropological Society of New South Wales and also established the Pacific Islands Society, of which he was the first secretary. He was a correspondence member of the Societe des Etudes Oceaniennes of Papeete, a member of the Royal Australian Historical Society, of the Polynesian Society, and had been vice-president of the Wellington Libraries Association. He was also active in both the New Zealand and Sydney centres of P.E.N., and was a keen supporter of the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington.

His publications include: "Marsden and the Missions," "Prelude to Waitangi," "Busby of Waitangi," the first biography of James Busby; "Strange Tales from the South Seas"; "Sir Apirana Ngata and Maori Culture"; "Rangiatea"; and "Te Rangihiroa, a Memoir."

In 1952 Mr. Ramsden went to America for four months' study and research under the United States State Department's exchange programme. He returned with the private papers of the late Sir Peter Buck of whom he was a personal friend, and was engaged in writing the biography of Buck, which was uncompleted at the time of his death.

Mr. Ramsden recently spent his annual leave in Japan as the guest of the Japanese Government.

Under the pen name of "Poneke" he contributed a regular column "Know Your Wellington," dealing with local history each Saturday in the "Post."

He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

TRIBUTE

The Prime Minister (Mr. Holyoake), in a tribute, said: "It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of Eric Ramsden. His passing will be a great loss to "The Post" and he will be greatly missed by the people of Wellington for his distinctive commentaries on our life and times. As a widely respected authority on Polynesian history, his writings have been a notable contribution to the archives of New Zealand."

TUCKER FAMILY REUNION WAS NOTABLE AFFAIR

One hundred and eighteen years ago Edward Tucker married Emma Phillips in the Wesleyan Chapel at New Plymouth. Their union was a fruitful one. Last November more than 250 of their descendants gathered at Hastings for a grand family reunion.

It was thought to have been New Zealand's biggest family reunion.

On the Saturday afternoon the two senior members of the family, Mr. Ernest Harwood, of Papakura, and Mr. W. Tucker, of Hastings, laid a wreath on the Clive war memorial.

Then the company adjourned to Waikoko Gardens at Tomoana showgrounds to have photographs taken, drink afternoon tea, and renew old family ties and acquaintances.

In the evening there was a dinner in the Hastings Assembly Hall. The toast to the founders of the family was proposed by the mayor of Hastings, Mr. R. V. Giorgi, with members of the branches of the family responding.

Next morning there was a pilgrimage to the grave of the founders at the Havelock North Cemetery, followed by a church service at Waikoko.

Mr. Ernest Harwood, oldest direct descendant of the original couple, was photographed with the youngest member of the family, Martin John Orbell, 10 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Orbell, Greenmeadows.

Indeed it was a notable family reunion.

An Evening Gathering on May 16 at 7.45 p.m. saw Dr. W. H. Oliver, of Victoria University, our guest speaker, the subject of his address being "Recent Writings on Edward Gibbon Wakefield."

This address was arranged by the Historical Committee and it was particularly appropriate as it occurred on the centennial of E. G. Wakefield's death.

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.

Combined Societies Farewell Lord and Lady Cobham

More media for spreading news were available than ever before, but he doubted whether nearly enough was being done to put Commonwealth views before the British public and vice-versa, the Governor-General (Lord Cobham) told the combined Commonwealth and Kindred Societies reception.

He promised to do anything he could to improve matters in that respect when he returned to the United Kingdom.

"I wonder, for example, how many British people realise how dependent New Zealand is upon her United Kingdom market, and that she sells to the United Kingdom about 53 per cent of her total exports," he said.

"How many British people remember that New Zealanders underwent voluntary butter rationing in order to keep up the supply of butter to the United Kingdom, or that she accepted a lower price for her wool than she could have got in the world's market at that time? This needs saying."

Lord Cobham said he would like to see a 5000ft. 16mm. film on New Zealand produced for use in British schools. Children's imaginations were vivid and young memories long. Documentaries and travel films were of less value with adult audiences, they usually came on before the main feature and were endured with resignation by people anxious only to see Miss Monroe or Sir Laurence Olivier.

A brilliant gathering of more than 450 guests attended a reception in the Majestic Cabaret, where Sea Scouts formed a guard-of-honour at the entrance.

Their Excellencies were received by the chairman of the Royal Commonwealth Society (Mr. C. T. Clere) and Mrs. Clere.

Members of the official party were presented. They were Dr. W. F. Shirer and Mrs. Shirer, president of the Victoria League, which had the honour of being host society, the president of the Commonwealth Society Mr. Justice Hutchison and Lady Hutchison, the president of the N.Z. Founders Society, Mr. A. H. Macandrew, and Mrs. Macandrew, the president of the Navy League Sir Robert Macalister, the president of the Royal Overseas League, Wing Commander T. R. Pike, and Mrs. Pike, the president of the English-speaking Union, Mr. H. R. Dutton, and Mrs. Dutton, the president of the Royal Society of St. George, Mr. K. W. Kilpatrick, and Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Jackson, Mrs. D. Anderson and Mrs. D. A. Paterson (organising secretary).

"CITY PROBLEMS"

Padre W. Heerdegen, Wellington City Missioner, spoke on "City Problems" at a Wakefield House luncheon.

A Buffet Tea at Wakefield House was followed by films at Shell House Theatre when the Society was fortunate in obtaining the following films for the entertainment of members.

1. "Swabia"—A German Landscape (In colour).
2. "Black Forest Holiday Resort" (In colour).
3. "Back of Beyond" (An award winner), A story of the Australian Outback.

Mr. Tankersley

DEATH SEVERS ANOTHER LINK WITH EARLY DAYS

With the death of Mr. Roy Tankersley, of 24 Church Street, Masterton, another link with the early days of the district was severed.

The youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Tankersley, he was born at Upper Plain 79 years ago. The late Mr. Tankersley lived at Mt. Bruce for some years, but after his marriage to Alice, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Wyeth, made his home at Longbush, where he farmed for some years. He operated the first motor mail and passenger service between Masterton and Longbush.

Later he farmed at Carrington before settling in Carterton. In 1951, Mr. and Mrs. Tankersley retired to Masterton, where he lived until his death.

In his youth he played for Red Star Rugby Football Club for several seasons. He was a member of the Carterton Bowling Club and later of the Park Bowling Club in Masterton.

Mr. Tankersley was a member of the N.Z. Founders Society and a past president of the Wairarapa branch. He took an active interest in the activities of the Presbyterian Church and was superintendent of the Carterton Presbyterian Sunday School for a period. He served as an elder on the session of both the Carterton and Knox churches.

Mr. Tankersley is survived by his widow, one son, the Rev. Hector Tankersley, of Feilding, and five grandchildren. The elder son, Athol, was killed in action in Italy.

That his friendly and cheerful disposition had endeared him to a large circle of friends was shown in the large and representative gathering at the funeral service in Knox Church. The floral tributes received included those from Knox Church, Masterton, Knox Church, Feilding, and the Wairarapa branch of the N.Z. Founders Society.

The pall bearers were Messrs. N. S. Tankersley, W. E. Tankersley, D. R. Tankersley, G. P. Cotter, A. Wyeth and G. N. Blatchford.

"A Revelation"

There was an excellent attendance of members and friends when the Wairarapa Branch celebrated Waitangi day.

The function was in the form a social evening. Mr. Keith Cairns, who is a member of the Council of the Polynesian Society and a member of the N.Z. Archaeological Association spoken on "Approach to Archaeology in the Wairarapa."

Mrs. E. R. Miller who moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Cairns for his most interesting address said it had been a revelation to most of those present. The hearty acclamation accorded Mr. Cairns was an indication of the appreciation of his audience.

WAIRARAPA'S GOOD MEETING

There was a good attendance at the 21st annual meeting of the Wairarapa Branch of the New Zealand Founders Society, held in the Old Folks Hall.

Mrs. E. R. Miller, a foundation member, spoke of the early efforts of the Society to secure the home of Edward Gibbon Wakefield, now known as Wakefield House, as a permanent home and of the fellowship which existed among the members just as it did between their ancestors, the first settlers, whom the Founders Society honours.

Several members spoke in praise of the work of Mr. Raymond Smith during his term of three years as president of the Wairarapa Branch, as delegate to the Dominion Council and later as vice-president on Dominion Council.

OFFICERS

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

President: Mr. Ian Cameron, M.B.E.; vice-presidents: Mrs. E. R. Miller, Mr. A. S. Kilsby and Mr. A. T. Maitland; secretary: Mrs. L. W. Ball; treasurer: Miss H. Tankersley; committee: Mr. R. Smith, Mesdames G. Armstrong, L. A. Thomson and C. Hodgins, Misses G. Langdon, I. Tankersley, D. Armstrong and M. Speedy, Messrs. A. E. Hale, C. E. Mountfort and Verne Welch; delegate to Community Arts Council: Mrs. L. W. Ball; representative on the Regional Council of the Historic Places Trust: Mr. C. E. Wrigley; Dominion councillor: Mr. I. Cameron.

Appreciation was expressed of Mr. Wrigley's efforts on the Historic Places Trust where he has represented the Society since the Trust's inception.

LIFE MEMBERS

In response to an appeal by Rev. Ihaka in his Waitangi Day address the meeting decided to support the Maori Educational Trust by becoming a life member of the Foundation. Mrs. E. R. Miller spoke of the friendly relations which had always existed between the Maoris and Pakehas in the Wairarapa and stressed the fact that many an early settler who at times found himself in dire straits might even have perished had it not been for the kindness and help of his Maori neighbour.

The meeting was followed by a "Pot Luck" tea, the key-notes of which was "happy informality." A birthday cake was cut jointly by Mrs. L. W. Ball and Miss H. Tankersley, secretary and treasurer and the twenty-one candles were extinguished by Mrs. E. R. Miller and Mrs. G. Archer, Waihakeke, another foundation member.

Mr. B. V. Cooksley, M.P., then addressed the gathering, congratulating the branch on having completed twenty-one years. "I charge you," said Mr. Cooksley, "to continue to uphold the spirit of enterprise and independence which so strongly characterised your forbears, the early settlers of this country." He touched on a number of institutions and amenities which we take for granted today—even the comparatively recent establishment of Parliament as we know it and more recently of women's franchise.

Mrs. E. R. Miller and Mrs. N. Tankersley entertained a most appreciative audience with elocutionary and musical items and Mrs. E. Speight accompanied the singing of the National Anthem which brought a pleasant evening to a close.

New Members of Founders Society

| Name | Address | Ship | | Ancestor |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|------|----------------------|
| Miss F. M. Crooke | Auckland | New Zealand | 1842 | James Chapman-Smith |
| Mrs. M. G. Allison | Wellington | Louisa Campbell | 1845 | Capt. Thomas Good |
| Mr. A. J. Allison | Wellington | | 1840 | Dr. James Allison |
| Mrs. P. A. Searell | Auckland | Bangalore | 1851 | James Jackson |
| Mrs. W. F. Thorburn | Auckland | | | Caroline Julian |
| Miss Gertrude Petre | Christchurch | John Wickliffe | 1848 | Capt. W. M. Cargill |
| Mr. F. J. Petre | Christchurch | John Wickliffe | 1848 | Capt. W. M. Cargill |
| Mrs. V. J. Hammond | Christchurch | Steadfast | 1851 | James Hammond |
| Mrs. O. Wagner | Christchurch | Castle Eden | 1851 | John Bowley |
| Miss G. Ironside | Christchurch | Mystery | 1859 | Kenneth McIntosh |
| Miss M. J. McIntosh | Christchurch | Mystery | 1859 | Kenneth McIntosh |
| Miss V. C. Spackman | Christchurch | Bolton | 1840 | Thomas Butler |
| Mrs. G. L. Bills | Christchurch | Bolton | 1840 | Thomas Butler |
| Mrs. E. K. Perkin | Christchurch | Indiana | 1858 | John Lee |
| Miss J. E. McColl | Christchurch | Duke of Portland | 1854 | Edward Garland |
| Miss P. M. de Beer (Jr.) | Christchurch | Duke of Portland | 1854 | Edward Garland |
| Miss S. C. de Beer (Jr.) | Christchurch | Duke of Portland | 1854 | Edward Garland |
| Miss B. de Beer (Jr.) | Christchurch | Duke of Portland | 1854 | Edward Garland |
| Miss J. K. de Beer (Jr.) | Christchurch | Duke of Portland | 1854 | Edward Garland |
| Mrs. M. C. Snell | Wellington | Blackbird | 1819 | Williams T. Fairburn |
| Mrs. E. M. Laing | Wellington | Lord Auckland | 1842 | Francis Otterson |
| Miss D. McManaway | Wellington | Birman | 1842 | Charles Gillespie |
| Mrs. L. J. Webber | Wellington | Duke of Roxburgh | 1840 | William Udy |
| Mrs. A. M. Geary | Wellington | Aurora | 1840 | Frederick Petherick |
| Mr. F. B. Knox | Wellington | Lady Nugent | 1841 | Thomas Bevan |
| Mrs. Y. L. Barrett | Wellington | Timandra | 1842 | Phillip Vercoe |
| Mr. I. A. Piper | Taranaki | | 1842 | Henry Piper |
| Miss M. M. Mateer | Christchurch | Joseph Fletcher | 1856 | John Henwood. |
| Mrs. M. E. Turner | Christchurch | Dominion | 1851 | James Mathias |
| Miss A. A. Bowie | Christchurch | Dominion | 1851 | James Mathias |
| Mrs. A. Williams | Christchurch | Dominion | 1851 | James Mathias |
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