



Editorial

This Is a Testing Year

Many appeals to members of the Founders Society to make a worthy effort for increase of membership among eligible relatives and friends have brought results far below reasonable expectation. Truly the Society is growing, but the expansion is not nearly as great as it should be. It is disappointingly not proportionate to the winning spirit shown by members' ancestors. As the President, Mr. R. D. Greenwood, remarked at Carterton recently, the membership of 1500 could be doubled within a year if the present members made the right response to the call for effective action. It must be repeated that the Society's influence on the national front will be proportionate to its active membership.

One of the opportunities for such influence will be in connection with Regional Committees of the National Historic Places Trust. Candidates for some of these committees have been nominated by the Society, but even without direct representation on the committees members of the Society can help in achievement of the Trust's ideals in the various districts. They must have the will to win, as their ancestors had in the difficult years of long ago.

Wakefield Wreath

Representatives of the Government, the City Council, the N.Z. Founders Society and the Wellington Early Settlers and Historical Association made appropriate speeches at the Bolton Street Cemetery on 17 May when the Bledisloe Wreath was laid on the grave of Edward Gibbon Wakefield, chief founder of New Zealand.

"It is a much-appreciated privilege for me today, as President of the New Zealand Founders Society, to take part in this national ceremony in memory of this country's greatest founder, Edward Gibbon Wakefield," said Mr. R. D. Greenwood. "No other founder put more into practice Napoleon's maxim: 'Boldness, boldness, always boldness.'"

"The Wakefield way was the winning way, because it came from a strong will to win, an indomitable will which prevailed against all manner of obstacles. He never swerved from his far-seeing national ideals.

"The very name Wakefield has a rousing sound, a challenge against apathy, laziness, indifference, deadly procrastination. That inspiring name is visible by night as well as day at the front of Wakefield House, Headquarters of the Founders Society. That is the name which the Society has most in mind

for achievement of one of its main objects:—

"Above all to foster, promote and inculcate in rising generations that hardy will and spirit of enterprise, responsibility, work and faith so abundantly possessed by the actual founders, which has been so important a factor in the life and progress of New Zealand in the past and which, if kept alive and virile, must prove of inestimable value for the future of New Zealand."

"In conclusion, I can say that New Zealand needs today, and will always need, that splendid spirit which the sturdy pioneers shared in laying the foundation of present prosperity.

"In the changing pattern of the world's affairs, new problems will arise for New Zealand. The conditions will be greatly different from those of Wakefield's time, but solution can come from application of the kind of principle which he put into his 'will-to-win' policy."

Tribute to Mrs. A. Burnard

After many years of very helpful leadership Mrs. A. Burnard has resigned from the presidency of the Wellington Women's Committee of the Founders Society, but will continue her active interest as a member of the committee.

The Dominion Council has expressed the Society's hearty appreciation of Mrs. Burnard's splendid record of service.

Regional Committees of National Historic Places Trust

Rules of the Trust provide that it may establish local branches in districts where, in the opinion of the Trust, its work may be furthered. These branches shall be known as Regional Committees. The basis of establishment and of operation shall be the twelve land districts as now constituted, namely, North Auckland, South Auckland, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Wellington, Marlborough, Nelson, Westland, Canterbury, Otago, and Southland.

It is within the discretion of the Trust to appoint more than one but no more than three committees within any district.

Each Regional Committee shall be called "The Regional Committee of the National Historic Places Trust" and its objects shall be:—

- (a) To provide a district organization for associate members of the Trust and generally to do such things as from time to time may be desirable or necessary to further works of the Trust;
- (b) To provide opportunities of understanding between the associate members and the public, and to give facilities for the reading of papers, the arrangement of excursions, the delivery of lectures, and for the acquisition and dissemination by other means of useful information connected with the Trust.

The members of each Regional Committee shall be appointed by resolution of the Trust for a term to be decided by the Trust.

Each Regional Committee may be composed of the following, as the Trust decides:

- (a) One representative of either a city, borough, county council or other local body;
- (b) One representative of a library, museum, or art gallery;
- (c) One representative of a university or a teachers' training college or an Education Board;
- (d) One representative of historical, founders, pioneers, or early settlers associations and societies;
- (e) One representative of the New Zealand Institute of Architects;
- (f) One representative of the Maori race;

(g) One nominee of the Ministry of Works;

(h) One nominee of the Department of Lands and Survey;

(i) and (j) Two associate members, who shall be elected by the associate members of the district at a meeting called by the Regional Committee by individual notice to the associate members in that district or by public advertisement.

Any member of the Trust shall be entitled to attend any meeting of a Regional Committee and to participate in the discussion and business but shall refrain from voting.

The Trust may make grants to Regional Committees. The Regional Secretary or Treasurer or other authorized officer of the Regional Committee shall submit to the Trust an annual audited statement of the expenditure of any grant received from the Trust.

Regional Committees shall have power to pass bylaws for their own governance, not being in conflict with these Rules, but such bylaws and any amendments thereof shall be submitted for approval to the Trust, and shall have no force or effect until approved.

Regional Committees may call meetings of associate members resident in their district.

Each Regional Committee shall assist the Trust by providing a survey of historic places within its district, and with details of projects it supports, with advice on priorities, but in all cases the responsibility for directing research, decision on priorities, and on works to be undertaken shall remain in the Trust.

Associate members are in four groups:—

- (a) Subscribing associate members who pay not less than £1 a year; (b) endowment associate members who give to the Trust any property of a value not less than £250, worthy of preservation, or give to the Trust such sum of money or other property of a value not less than £250; (c) life associate members who pay £25; (d) corporate associate members, such as local bodies, societies, companies, and associations which pay not less than £5 a year.

Monster Mangle

Mrs. F. C. Collins, of Wellington, writes pleasantly about a huge mangle which she saw in the home of her grandfather, Captain T. J. Burgess, at Devonport, Auckland, when she was a young girl.

"The mangle was oblong, and ran along one wall of the big kitchen, leaving enough room at each end for people to stand or walk past. At each corner was a thick square upright post, very strong and solid, probably about three feet high. At the sides were long planks joining the posts and making a very solid construction; but still more solid were four wooden rollers, about three feet long and about six inches across the ends. There was a wooden top over the stout uprights, from end to end and another top covering this like a lid. Half-way down at the side was a very large wheel with a handle. On the wheel were ropes.

"My aunt Annie took the rollers one by one, and wrapped the sheets and table cloths and other linen round them. Then the covered rollers were put

between the two wooden tops, one in front of the other, the first one close to the left end. The lid came down very solidly on to the rollers. Then another aunt turned the big handle of the wheel. The rope did its expected work, and the whole solid framework creaked and groaned louder and louder.

"The rollers began to move steadily towards the far end of the mangle. Suddenly the first roller came right to the edge, then on a bit further, and fell into my aunt's waiting hands. The big wheel stopped while she unrolled a sheet, and there it was, smooth and pressed to a perfect surface. One by one the three other rollers fell out on to aunt Annie's hands, and there were the sheets and other linen well and truly mangled!

"What a wonderful modern invention it must have seemed, and how quickly the things were pressed compared with the time it would take to iron them!

"I wish I knew what happened to that mangle. I wish I knew that it was safely housed in a museum somewhere in Auckland."

Queen Victoria was Godmother to a Maori Boy

Mrs. P. M. Wallace, of Wellington, has sent to the Founders Society a very interesting article, "Our Hardy Pioneers," written two years ago by her father, Mr. E. O. Lighthand, of Auckland, son of William Lighthand, who arrived with his father, George W. Lighthand, at Nelson in 1842. Mrs. Wallace says that her father, now 86, still drives his motor-car, and plays bowls. His article will appear in the "N.Z.P.S. Bulletin" in sections. Here is No. 1:—

About 1867 my father and my two grandfathers (G. W. Lighthand and W. Brent) and James Jenkin (Maori interpreter) took a party of about 30 Maoris, mostly chiefs, and some women to England. I understand Queen Victoria expressed a wish to meet them, and Her Majesty entertained them at her Palace and was godmother to a Maori boy, one Pomare, who was born on the voyage.

The Queen graciously gave the infant a golden christening plate (a set). It is now reposing in a large show case in the Maori section of the Auckland Museum, to the right of the big canoe. It was lost for a long period, and was found by Bishop Averill at Bishopscourt, Auckland, amongst a lot of odds and ends. My father received the Queen's autograph, which he greatly valued.

OTHER MEMORIES

In Nelson we heard some of the explosions which destroyed the Pink and White Terraces in 1886. We thought they were the guns of the great Russian fleet. The Russians were the bogies in those days, as they are now. I have a distinct recollection of this.

When a small boy, living in Nelson, I remember being told to look under my grandfather's bed. I crawled under, parting the chintz curtains, and saw to my horror a large coffin. It was for grandfather Brent himself on his decease. He was a great builder in many ways.

I remember Julia Martin, the "Grace Darling of New Zealand." I first met her at Cable Bay, Nelson, in 1884, when I was a young lad, and later in 1904 at Tohu's tangi at Parihaka. She was of a commanding figure and aspect.

My father died in tragic circumstances in May, 1909, in his 81st year. He was known as the mining explorer of Collingwood. He was an out-door man all his life, and said he would like to die in his boots. He was last seen with his grand-nephew, Harry Jackson, sailing past the Fifehire Rock, Nelson, in a Canadian canoe. They were going camping on the Rabbit Island at the mouth of the Maimea River. The river was in violent flood, and they struck a tidal rip. The gallant explorer died as he wished, in his boots.

Cold Tit for Hot Tat

This amusing story about Sir George Bowen, when he was Governor of New Zealand, is served up by Mr. Halket Millar in "The Merchants Paved the Way":—

"Sir George Bowen once invited some of the important Maori chiefs to dine at Government House. The most important chief sat at Sir George's right, enjoying a plentiful of roast beef. Sir George helped himself to mustard and passed the pot on to the chief, who took a liberal helping; but it burnt his tongue; so he carefully scraped his helping off his plate and transferred it to Sir George's, as he appeared to relish the condiment."

President's Helpful Address at Carterton

The Dominion President, Mr. R. D. Greenwood, Mrs. Greenwood and son were guests at a social function of members of the Wairarapa Branch at Carterton on 19 May.

In an address, which mentioned a century's development of the Wairarapa, Mr. Greenwood impressively referred to the pioneers' triumph over isolation, hardship and danger. Events had proved that their qualities of courage and resourcefulness had passed on to their descendants. The centennial celebrations of 1954 had given inspiring reminders of the gratitude due by the present generation to the sturdy indomitable pioneers. Perpetual reminders of nation-building service were carried on in the names of towns in the prosperous district.

Today an obligation lay on men and women to give the right kind of leadership to young folk who should be encouraged to shape their lives on the pattern of the splendid spirit of the stalwart pioneers.

After mention of present and prospective formations of Branches of the Founders Society, Mr. Greenwood remarked: "The Dominion Council appeals to all members of all Branches to do their utmost to bring eligible relatives or friends into this national organisation. If we all make a strong, individual effort, the Society's membership of 1500 could be doubled within a year."

"Now that the National Historic Places Trust is functioning we have a great opportunity for effective action on a wide front. Wairarapa members have now the call to set the pace."

In conclusion, Mr. Greenwood said emphatically that the Branch had been worthily represented on the Dominion Council by Miss Sellar in the past and Mrs. E. R. Miller, recently. They had helped most usefully in the Society's progress.

Wakefield House Committee Room

The Founders Society now has a well-equipped new committee room in Wakefield House by the conversion of a vacant flat on the ground floor. This room, which has a seating capacity of up to 40, is available for committee meetings and other small functions, not only for the Society's own use but also for letting purposes. It is anticipated that this enterprise will increase the income from Wakefield House.

Members should spread the news that the lounge and the committee room are available for letting for meetings, buffet luncheons, weddings and other functions and that full catering facilities, up to a seven-course dinner, are available on the premises.

Enquiries regarding the letting of the lounge and the committee room should be addressed to the Dominion Treasurer, P.O. Box 1775, Wellington. Telephone 41-500.

All of Us Have Met Him

He has an endless fund of information
On every subject underneath the sun;
From nowhere he collects a congregation
And solves our age-old problems, one by one.
Now, with such brains, just why does no one heed him?
And why must our Salvation Army feed him?

—Clyde Hunnicutt.

Activities in Wellington

The Founders Society continues to be active in Wellington with monthly luncheon meetings addressed by interesting speakers, and evening entertainments.

The Executive has been associated with the Wellington Chamber of Commerce for an Historical Exhibition at the National Art Gallery.

The Executive is still co-operating with the Department of Internal Affairs for retention of the New Zealand section of the Nan Kivell collection of historic pictures.

A spectacular floor show is being arranged for the Founders Ball at the Majestic Cabaret on 28 September.

Younger Founders on the Move

The Younger Founders section of the Society in Wellington is going on successfully with a good programme which includes picnics, concerts, dances, cocktail parties, card, film and quiz evenings.

The Executive mentions that it will be pleased to arrange functions suitable for various age-groups, if it is given sufficient support. Therefore the "not so young Founders" are urged to give solid backing.

The annual subscription for a junior member to the age of 16 is only 2/6, and from 16 to 21 only 5/-—small sums in contrast with the good value given.

"One of the most effective ways in which the Younger Founders' enterprise can be helped by the seniors," states the Executive, "is by encouraging their children, their grandchildren or those of their relatives (who qualify) to join the Society. Seniors who already have members of their families in the Younger Founders are requested to urge them to attend the functions."

New Dominion Councillor

The vacancy on the Dominion Council of the Founders Society, due to the resignation of Mr. A. O. Aitken, because of pressure of private business, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. R. Richardson. Last year Mr. Richardson returned with his family from Scotland, where he had some years in engineering service. He is now a consulting engineer for the Wairakei geo-thermal project.

Circular Committee

The Dominion Secretary thanks members of the Circular Committee, who, under the conensorship of Mrs. D. B. Watson, send out the Society's circulars. The committee comprises Mrs. E. Gourley, Mrs. E. Richardson, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. S. Guy, Miss G. Hamerton, Miss Calder, Miss Jane Richardson, and Miss S. Cameron, of the Younger Founders Committee, who addresses the envelopes.

Street Holes, New and Old

Those pot-holes which vex motorists on some of Wellington's streets now are small in comparison with death-traps of the city's early years. Here is a man's complaint, reprinted in "The Merchants Paved the Way": "I fell into a hole in Ghuznee Street the other night, but luckily escaped without further injury than the destruction of a new pair of inexpressibles and the beauty of my countenance slightly impaired."

Annual Meeting of Wairarapa Branch

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Wairarapa Branch of the Founders Society, at Masterton, had a good attendance. The report of the president, Mrs. E. R. Miller, mentioned the variety of entertainment which had brought members pleasantly together.

The election of officers resulted: President, Mrs. E. R. Miller; vice-president, Mr. C. E. Mountfort; secretary, Mrs. L. W. Ball; treasurer, Miss H. Tankersley; committee (all re-elected), Messrs. J. Berney, and A. T. Maitland and I. Cameron, Mrs. J. Tankersley, Misses I. Tankersley, D. Armstrong and G. Langdon; Dominion Council delegate, Mrs. E. R. Miller; nominee for Regional Committee of National Historic Places Trust, Mr. C. J. Wrigley; auditor, Mr. W. M. Seller.

THE PIONEER SPIRIT

The guest speaker, Mr. A. A. McLachlan, S.M., of Lower Hutt, said in his opening remarks: "It is pleasing to see the members of the Founders Society keeping evergreen the spirit of the early settlers—meeting and encouraging new settlers and showing them something of the courage and effort displayed by the early colonists."

He took as his subject "The Wedding Gift to Queen Victoria of the Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi." He referred to the Maoris' great faith in the early missionaries, without whose influence New Zealand's story would have been a different one.

He paid special tribute to the women of those early days of colonisation, particularly to the country women who raised families of young New Zealanders and still were able to assist their husbands.

New Zealand's people, concluded Mr. McLachlan, owed a great debt of gratitude to the Governors of the country from Sir George Grey down, and especially to Lord Bledisloe, with his wonderful aesthetic sense, who saw the possibilities in the old buildings and historic places.

Mr. Arthur Greenslade pleased the audience with his singing. Mrs. Alan Barns was a sympathetic accompanist. Mrs. Miller's elocutionary item was greatly appreciated.

Supper brought the right finish to a successful evening.

Whanganui Branch

Activities mentioned in the annual report of the Whanganui Branch have been reported in the "N.Z.F.S. Bulletin" during the year. The very active secretary, Mr. G. Walker, has kept the Branch well in view of the public.

The election of officers resulted: Chairman, Mr. N. A. Parkes; secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. Walker; committee, Mrs. Broad, Mrs. Burrell, Mrs. Spurdle, Miss Russell, and Messrs. Ayson, Barrett, Bruce, Greaves, Nixon, Richardson, Russell, Scott-Maundrell and Smart.

Canterbury Branch

Canterbury, with its splendid record of pioneers' achievements, has plenty of folk eligible for membership of the N.Z. Founders Society, but the district's Branch has brought in only a few of them. There is hope of a campaign which will bring a big increase.

Officers elected for the current year are: Chairman, Mrs. M. Lloyd; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. Jones; committee, Mrs. C. P. Bull, Mrs. M. Cooper, Miss R. I. Slater, Miss P. Haylock and Mr. L. F. Haylock.

Formation of Branches

Enough Taranaki members of the Founders Society met at New Plymouth on 22 April for the formation of a Branch for that district. The attendance included several members of the New Plymouth Historical Society.

The Dominion President, Mr. R. D. Greenwood, gave an interesting address on the Society's national ideals. He said he was sure that the Branch would flourish in an area so full of pioneer history.

The following provisional officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. R. G. Jamieson; honorary secretary-treasurer, Mr. D. O. Brown; committee, Messrs. W. L. Faull, A. L. Low, W. E. Lees, V. C. Davies and N. F. Jupp. A hope was expressed that several ladies would be added to the committee.

Mr. Greenwood remarked that the Society would support the nomination of a member of the New Plymouth Historical Society as a Taranaki representative on a Regional Committee of the National Historic Places Trust.

Manawatu Next

Plans are in progress for the formation of a Manawatu Branch with Palmerston North as the centre.

Group for Blenheim

Mrs. I. G. Cameron, of Camden Station, Private Bag, Blenheim, who was formerly Miss I. G. Barton, of the Wairarapa Branch, is willing to form a group for periodical meetings in Blenheim. Members of the Founders Society, with a favourable view of the project, are requested to communicate with Mrs. Cameron (Camden Station, Private Bag, Blenheim).

Exhibits of Alexander Museum, Wanganui

Mr. M. Smart, director of the Alexander Museum of Wanganui, a keen supporter of the Founders Society, has encouraged people to give now or bequeath objects of historic interest to the Museum.

The latest acquisitions include "The English Mercantile Published by Authority, for the Prevention of False Reports," dated at Whitehall, 23 July, 1686. This issue reports the reports of the Spanish Armada near the Lizard. "The Weekly News," of 31 January, 1606, gives a "discourse upon execution of eight traitors," including Guy Fawkes. Other treasures are a Breches Bible of 1599, a Bible of 1634, and the diaries and journal of Surgeon-Captain R. T. C. Scott, R.N., from 1838 to 1853, beautifully illustrated by the author.

About sixty historic photographs, mostly taken about the beginning of 1900, have been lent to the Whanganui Branch by Mr. F. J. Denton, who for many years was a leading photographer of Wanganui. The collection, displayed in the Alexander Library, shows scenic beauty of the river, land farmed by pioneers, Maoris and their pas.

Obituary

The Dominion Council of the Society regretfully announces the deaths of Mrs. M. T. J. Moore (Sydney) and Mrs. I. W. Blundell (Wellington).

Geneological Research

Mr. C. R. H. Taylor, Librarian of the Alexander Turnbull Library, which has been very helpful in geneological research for intending members of the N.Z. Founders Society, sent the following letter to the Dominion Secretary:—

"For some years prospective members of your Society have been making geneological research in the library. While we are glad to give them all assistance, we often find they are equipped with such meagre basic information that the foundation for further research on our part is either too flimsy or that it necessitates a disproportionate amount of work.

"I suggest, therefore, that you make it known to applicants, who approach you in the first instance, that before approaching the library they assemble, preferably in written form, all birth and death dates they know or can obtain, exact or otherwise, full names, maiden names if concerned, the names of ships and places and dates of arrival. We can then confirm, check and correct these particulars.

"If one of your executive could 'vet' these particulars before people approach us, it would be an advantage.

"I am sure this would serve our mutual interests more satisfactorily, and we shall be able to assist your people more effectively."

The Dominion Secretary's reply stated that very few prospective members approached the Society's headquarters in the first instance. Consequently, the office was not aware that a person intended applying for membership until the application was completed and submitted for consideration and verification. The Society much appreciated the painstaking research of Mr. Taylor and his staff, and desired to assist the library as much as possible in making the research easier and more worth while.

The Society also desired to keep the inquiries down to a minimum.

Carvings of Historic Heads

New Zealand has its share of "wooden heads" (some in high places) that are not destined to be historic. Wellington has wooden busts of thirty men who were prominent long ago in the development of the city and province.

For many years these heads were on the parapet of the Albert Hotel, previously known as the "Old Identities," built by John Plimmer, who was rightly called a "Father of Wellington."

When the Albert was replaced by the Hotel St. George the historic heads disappeared into the basement of the Central Library, where they remained forgotten until recently. They have been retrieved and cleaned, and await a worthy resting place. The Mayor of Wellington, Sir Robert Macallister, has advocated the establishment of a special place for the busts and other links with the city's past. The best place for the bust of the busts, Edward Gibbon Wakefield, would be Wakefield House.

New Addresses Wanted

The Dominion Secretary, P.O. Box 1775, Wellington, requires present addresses of the following members, whose previous addresses are given with their names: Mr. J. Hollis (P.O. Box 63, Wellington), Mrs. B. Gibbs (7 Fiarview Crescent, Wellington, W.3.).

Home of Bishop Selwyn

(By Geo. M. Fowlds.)

In the old suburb of Parnell, Auckland, on the corner of St. Stephen's Avenue and Brighton Road, stands an attractive stone cottage. This little house, nearly a century old, has a very close association with that saintly and loved character, Bishop Selwyn. He inspired its erection and during part of his stay in this country, from May, 1842, to October, 1868, he occupied the house. His bedroom was the upstairs room with the two narrow windows facing the Avenue. Its high-pitched roof is reminiscent of old England, for this architectural feature was carried here by the early designers who did not realise that it was unnecessary in a climate where heavy falls of snow would never be seen. It now has a galvanised iron roof, but it is probable that, in accordance with the general practice of that time, it was covered with wooden shingles.

Apart from some dressed blue stone at the corners and around the doorways and windows and possibly along the base line, the main lower walls are of very small volcanic stones, four to six inches thick. It is a tribute to the good cement and workmanship of the craftsmen of that day that the structure has stood unimpaired over the long years and is still occupied.

One regrets, and is surprised, that there were not more stone houses built around Auckland, when the lava-strewn isthmus carried so much usable material. But probably this was due to the urgent need for shelter in the young city, the lack of stonemasons and the restrictions of finance.

The upper storey of the house is built of wood with vertical boards overlapped with battens. At the southern end it is joined by a wing of one storey, also with the same upright weather-boards, which may have been used as a laundry and a store-room. Joining this on the eastern side is a small room with lateral weatherboards, obviously an addition of later date. As it was built of enduring materials it has survived when most wooden buildings

of the period have disappeared or become decayed through dry rot and termite.

The four french windows of the living room face north, with glass to the floor level like many modern homes. The small panes have been puttied on both sides into metal mouldings about one and a quarter inches wide. The main room in the ground floor is quite spacious. After ascent of a narrow stairway from that floor to a landing care has to be taken not to bump one's head on the sloping beams, a common feature of so many attic rooms of the early colonial days.

By the standard of the time this must have been a very comfortable home, and to others must even have seemed a sumptuous residence. As furnished today it is a place with a cosy old-world atmosphere. The fireplaces have been altered to conform to modern practice. On the sides of the chimney, near the top, there is the appearance of a cross outlined in raised bricks. As in those days glass would have to come from England or Sydney, the window frames are narrow and the panes small and diamond-shaped.

It is fortunate that the property is in the possession of the Church of England, which has the means and the good taste to keep it in good repair.

The house was built in 1858 and as it is situated opposite the future site of the proposed Auckland Cathedral, also selected by Bishop Selwyn, it was planned as the home of the dean; hence the pleasing title of the Deanery. Before houses encroached on both sides, there must have been ample room for a garden and orchard with a pretty view down a tree-lined gully to Hobson Bay.

As New Zealand has too few of these monuments in stone of the early days the people should do all they can to preserve them as a heritage for future generations.

Efforts to Save St. Pauls

Strong efforts to save the whole of historic St. Paul's Cathedral Church on its present site have not been effective, so far, although the National Historic Places Trust is in favour of such preservation.

Archbishop Owen stated that the Cathedral Building Committee would preserve the greater part of the original church by putting it inside a shell of permanent material and using it as the Lady Chapel of the new Cathedral.

Here is the Historic Places Trust's resolution:—

"The National Historic Places Trust has considered the representations made to it regarding the preservation of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and has discussed the matter with the Church authorities.

"Having regard to the undoubted architectural and historical significance of the building, the Trust regrets that the Church Trustees are unable to consider further the preservation of St. Paul's on its present site. The Trust has discussed the Church's decision to include the furnishings and part of the present building in the Lady Chapel of the new Cathedral.

"In view of the Trust's inability to act without the consent of the Church authorities as owners, it is not considered that any purpose would be served by continuing to press for the preservation of St. Paul's as a separate building.

"The Trust considers that the Church authorities should be urged to ensure that the reconstruction in the Lady Chapel bears as close relation as possible to the original building."

When the "N.Z.F.S. Bulletin" went to press the Society for the Preservation of St. Paul's Cathedral Church was preparing a reply to Archbishop Owen.

Let your conscience make you a conqueror in the campaign for necessary new members of the Founders Society.

Furry Purry Persons

Find in the golden mean their proper bliss,
And, doing nothing, never do amiss;
But lapt in men's good graces live, and die
By all regretted, nobody knows why.

—Sir William Watson.

New Members of Founders Society

Name.	Address.	Ship.	Date.	Ancestor.
Mrs. M. G. Taylor	Wanganui	"Oriental"	1840	Garner
Mrs. K. M. Feeney	"	"Berkshire"	1850	Morgan
		"William Bryant"	1841	Faul
Mrs. G. M. McCarthy	Wellington	"Whitby"	1841	Goddard
Mr. A. G. Hedgman	Lower Hutt	"Lady Nugent"	1851	Hedgman
Mrs. O. E. Robertson	Wellington	"Aurora"	1840	Petherick
Miss D. E. Kemp	Ruatoria	"General Gates"	1819	Kemp
Mr. G. S. Palmer	Matamata	"Fifeshire"	1842	Palmer
Mrs. L. M. Shaker	Porirua East	"Bangalore"	1851	Gee
Mrs. J. M. Tolhurst	Eastbourne	"Mary Ann"	1842	McRae
Mrs. R. Atkinson	Pungarehu	"Oriental"	1841	Hellier
Mr. D. M. P. Hay	Wellington	"London"	1840	Hay
Mrs. M-A. Hay	"	"Phillip Laing"	1848	Winton
Mr. F. Mumme	"	"Canterbury"	1851	Farland
Miss I. L. Waters	"	"St. Pauli"	1843	Frank
Mrs. N. J. Dean	Hutt City	"London"	1840	Curtis
Miss N. R. Holland	Rotorua	"—"	1856	Lambert
Mr. A. L. Mason	Putaruru	"Oriental"	1841	Lumsden
Mr. A. C. P. Hay	Masterton	"London"	1840	Hay
Miss E. H. Jackson	Wellington	"Lady Lilford"	1840	Bell
Miss J. S. Richardson	"	"Arab"	1841	Richardson
Miss R. L. Scott	Putaruru	"Canton"	1837	Walmesley
Mr. G. J. C. Scott	"	"Canton"	1837	Walmesley
Mr. M. J. Costello	Christchurch	"—"	1849	Bennett

"The Merchants Paved The Way"

Remarkably true to title is Mr. J. Halket Millar's book, "The Merchants Paved the Way," which will be an enduring centennial memorial of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce. Of course, it gives plenty of facts and figures, showing development of Wellington city and province since 1856, but this information has its proper setting in a very interesting review of men and affairs. The author has a clear, bright style which grips the reader, and moves him on pleasantly through the whole volume of more than 200 pages. It is real history, as it should be written—a distinct addition to New Zealand's literature.

The wide range of contents, well indexed, includes many dramatic incidents and amusing anecdotes. Numerous illustrations are linked with the very readable narrative.

The book shows strikingly the far-reaching importance of the Chamber's work in the early years of Wellington. "Only a close study of the well-kept records of the Chamber," writes Mr. Millar, "reveals just how much the whole country owed to the watch and ward which the Chamber maintained over almost every aspect of the work of the legislators."

In the chapter on "Development of the Harbour," Mr. Millar remarks: "There are mighty few persons who know what the Wellington Harbour owes to the Chamber of Commerce. Almost every step in its development in the years before there was a Harbour Board was taken at the instance of the Chamber, whose committees were in almost constant communication with the Governments (Provincial and General) on the needs of the accumulating years, and whose advisory services were very often called in by the authorities when new developments were contemplated."

The publishers are A. H. and A. W. Reed, Wellington.

Cornish Ancestors

The County Committee of Women's Institutes of Cornwall, England, is setting up a memorial to Cornish emigrants of the past 100 years. The memorial will take the form of books in the cathedral at Truro, giving the names and some information about these Cornish men and women who left their homes to make their living overseas—in mining, farming and other ways.

It is hoped that this memorial will meet the needs of the hundreds of overseas visitors who come to Cornwall to find some trace of their forebears.

The committee will stage an exhibition of Women's Institute work in October at the City Hall, and will have a space allotted for the Cornish Memorial project. The organisers need pictures, posters, photos, models and other objects connected with the lives and work of early Cornish settlers in the Commonwealth.

Members of the Founders Society, of Cornish ancestry, who can give or lend such objects, or have any details of their ancestors for recording at the exhibition, are asked to communicate with Miss J. Humphrey, 23 Burma Road, Khandallah, Wellington.

The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.—Ruskin.

Plenty of us have attended various assemblies to which a wag's definition could be well applied: "A conference is a group of men who, individually, can do nothing, but as a group can meet and decide that nothing can be done."

A cynic on some specimens of modern art:—

The world is very fair to see;
The artist will not let it be.
He tinkers with the works of God,
And makes them look uncommon odd.

Famous Coaches of Cobb & Co.

In a luncheon chat at Wakefield House on "Pioneering in Transport," Mr. W. A. Sutherland, secretary of the Wellington Automobile Association, paid high tribute to the surveyors and engineers who pioneered New Zealand's road system. "Roads which were built for both military as well as economic reasons have, over the substantial whole, altered very little in their location," he said. "As settlement progressed outwards from the many natural harbours, so too the road system was extended. Having regard to the spasmodic way in which these extensions were made, it is remarkable how these efforts have moulded into a comprehensive whole. Much forethought and planning was brought into play by the engineers who had to build roads through heavy bush when quantity rather than quality was the order of the day."

Interesting glimpses of the famous Cobb & Co. coaches were given by Mr. Sutherland. He said that in 1863, Cobb & Co. established a line of coaches in Christchurch. The first trip was made to Timaru on 10 November, 1863. The first Lyttelton coach ran on 14 November, 1864. A new route operated to Bealey in July, 1865.

Also in 1865 Cobb coaches began running from Wellington through the Ngauranga Gorge.

In 1865 Cobb & Co. (L. G. Cole, proprietor) obtained a contract for mail to the West Coast, South Island. Carriage was by way of coach and horseback to top of Arthur Pass, the journey from there to be made by passengers on foot. At first the trip to Hokitika took four days, but was later reduced to three days.

Cobb's coaches ran between Dunedin and Central Otago gold rush areas. In the New Zealand Directory of 1876-78 there was an advertisement for Cobb & Co. Telegraph Line of Royal Mail Coaches which operated daily between Dunedin and Christchurch and tri-weekly to Queenstown.

The story of Cobb's coaches in the Nelson and West Coast districts followed a similar pattern with the name of Newman so often appearing as owners and pioneers of the lines—Nelson to Murchison, Westport to Reefton, and Inangahua to Lyell.

Self-Help of John Plimmer

Here is one of the good stories told about John Plimmer, one of the leading founders of Wellington, by Mr. J. Halket Millar in "The Merchants Paved the Way":

"On one occasion he took a contract for a building that required the use of lime, but where was lime to be had in Wellington? He scoured the district, but could not find any deposit of lime. Then he hit on a brilliant idea. The beaches were strewn with shells. So he became a professional limeburner, using shells collected from the shores of Evans Bay."

We judge ourselves by what we are capable of doing. Others judge us by what we have already done.—Longfellow.

Mere character and energy, much as we admire them, are positively mischievous without intellect and knowledge.—Bernard Shaw.

National Call for Trees

Members of the New Zealand Founders Society should be among the most zealous campaigners for saving of remnants of beautiful native forests and for tree-planting. Any reader of Lucy Larcom's poem, "Plant a Tree," will feel an urge to obey.

He who plants a tree
Plants a hope.
Rootlets up through fibres blindly grope;
Leaves unfold into horizons free.
So man's life must climb
From the clods of time
Unto heavens sublime.
Canst thou prophesy, thou little tree,
What the glory of thy boughs shall be?

He who plants a tree
Plants a joy,
Plants a comfort that will never cloy,
Every day a fresh reality,
Beautiful and strong,
To whose shelter throng
Creatures blithe with song.
If thou couldst but know, thou happy tree,
Of the bliss that shall inhabit thee!

He who plants a tree
He plants a peace.
Under the green curtains jargons cease,
Leaf and zephyr murmur soothingly;
Shadows soft with sleep
Down tired eyelids creep,
Balm of slumber deep.
Never hast thou dreamed, thou blessed tree,
Of the benediction thou shalt be.

He who plants a tree
He plants youth.
Vigour won for centuries in sooth.
Life of time that hails eternity!
Boughs their strength uprear,
New shoots every year
On old growths appear.
Thou shalt teach the ages, sturdy tree,
Youth of soul is immortality.

He who plants a tree
He plants love.
Tents of coolness spreading out above
Wayfarers, he may not live to see.
Gifts that grow are best,
Hands that bless are blest;
Plant; life does the rest.
Heaven and earth help him who plants a tree,
And his work its own reward shall be.

He that is moderate in his wishes from reason and choice, and not resigned from sourness, distaste or disappointment, doubles all the pleasures of life.—Richard Steele.

Whatever trouble Adam had,
No man in days of yore
Could say, when Adam cracked a joke,
"I've heard that one before."

All skill ought to be exercised for universal good. Every man has owed much to others, and ought to repay the kindness he has received.—Samuel Johnson.