



We pledge ourselves 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.

Comment on a Resigner's Excuse

A recent resigner from the Founders Society's Auckland Branch gave this excuse: "Although I am in sympathy with the ideals of the Society, I find it impossible to take any active part in the work of the Society owing to distance from active centres."

That peculiar statement must make any reasoning reader doubt whether the resigner gave much time or thought to the Society's national objects, especially the most important one, now known as the "Founders' Pledge."

Achievement of those objects will always call for effective activity by the Dominion Council and Branch Committees with programmes which call for adequate finance. Members who live far away from the Society's centres have the satisfaction of knowing that their subscriptions are necessary to keep the Society functioning for community welfare. The more money the Society gets, the more good it will do. The annual payment of £1 splits into two-thirds of a penny a day. How many New Zealanders cannot afford that trifle to help a great cause?

The proper attitude of a member should be not one of expectation of individual benefit from the Society, in a selfish sense, but benefit for the nation. For this purpose every member has opportunities for action in getting new members, or in talking about the Society's objects, or in chats about pioneers' inspiring deeds.

Members must have the missionary spirit. They must have the will to make the old-time founders' guiding lamp glow for the present generation.

The only valid reason for resignation is either dire poverty, which is almost unimaginable in these days, or death. In the right kind of case even death will not sever connection with the Society. A bequest will enable the testator to carry on in spirit with the Society for its purposes in helping to strengthen the nation.

New Heading for "Bulletin"

When arrangements were being made for the design of a new heading for the "Bulletin" a letter of Mrs. Hope Johnston mentioned that her late husband had a new crest of Wakefield cut. "He thought it was a better one than you use—not so flat," she wrote. She would send it on as soon as possible—but it has not come in time for incorporation in a design for the June issue.

Editorship of the "Bulletin"

At the age of 78 Mr. Leo Fanning, who has edited the N.Z.F.S. "Bulletin" from the beginning, is retiring with the production of the June issue. The Dominion Council has recorded appreciation of his service.

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Dramatic Death of Mr D. Hope Johnston

Founder of N.Z. Founders Society

Deep regret was felt by members of the Founders Society when they had news of the sudden death of Mr. D. Hope Johnston, soon after he had finished a letter of 1200 words to the President and the Dominion Council. In a postscript for his daughter, Mrs. Joan Shephard (the only child) he wrote:—"This is important; so type it carefully. It is now 4 a.m., the morning of my 83rd birthday—a long innings not out yet—but I'm getting a little 'winded.' The next letter, which is not quite ready, will be the most important of all for the N.Z.F.S. . . ."

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston's Last Chat

In a letter of 1 March to the Dominion President, Mr. Max Wall, Mrs. Johnston wrote:—

"It is with very deep sorrow that I write to tell you of the death of my beloved husband and your founder, which occurred a few hours after his 83rd birthday, at 4 a.m. Saturday, 23 February. His death was very sudden (coronary thrombosis). He had been so well, and was very happy, talking of so many things he still hoped to accomplish, and we chatted together until nearly 2 a.m. Two hours later he staggered into my room and within a few minutes he expired in my arms.

"He had sat up until dawn to write the enclosed letter to you, the last thing he was ever to do. I believe there was to be one other, most important he told me.

His "Best-beloved Child"

"I would often remonstrate with him for putting such a tax on his strength by writing all night but it was in vain, and I realised, as far as the New Zealand Founders Society was concerned, he was like a father with his best-beloved and most worth-while child. His strength was spent in a good cause, and I like to remember now that the very last thing he did after a long life of great achievements was to write to you.

"The appreciation he received at all times from the Society was ever a source of great happiness to him and all your communications were filed and treasured. The last thing he received was a beautiful letter from Mr. J. Carr which made him very happy indeed.

"Although I am not eligible, unfortunately, as a member of the N.Z.F.S., I have always shared my husband's great interest in all your doings. May I ask that you will sometimes let me know of your activities and progress? I would be so grateful if you would do so.

"Mrs. Geoffrey Williams represented your Society at his cremation service. She will be a worthy successor to my husband as your representative here."

Far-ranging Career

Mr. Johnston was born on 22 February, 1874, in "Thorndon House," Hobson Street, Wellington's first two-storeyed house. It was built in 1844 for his maternal grandfather, Captain Charles Schultze, one of the first two members for Wellington City in the first Provincial Parliament. Captain Schultze raised, equipped, and commanded a troop of cavalry for the defence of Wellington against expected attacks by Maoris.

Father of Mr. Johnston was Percival Johnston, son of Captain Robert Johnston, R.N., who was a



Mr. D. Hope Johnston.

godson of Admiral Arthur Phillip, first Governor of Australia.

D. Hope Johnston left New Zealand at the age of five and was educated in Sydney, Scotland, and England. When he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1900, his sponsor was Sir Henry Feilding Dickens, Q.C., son of Charles Dickens. After practising law in London for ten years, Mr. Johnston returned to Sydney in 1901, remained in Australia for about 30 years, and then went back to London. He visited New Zealand in 1902, 1908, and 1938-39.

Active in Australia

In Australia Mr. Johnston had the leadership in movements for commemoration of historic events. At his suggestion Algernon Talmage, R.A., painted the famous picture "The Founding of Australia," which shows Governor Phillip, his staff, and guard at the hoisting of the British flag on 26 January, 1788. Mr. Johnston's great-grandfather, Lieutenant (afterwards colonel) George Johnston, A.D.C., is in the picture.

In 1910 Mr. Johnston founded the Australasian Pioneers' Club, and in 1929 the Women's Pioneer Society of Australasia, both in Sydney.

During his stay in Wellington in 1939 Mr. Johnston was the prime mover and organiser in the formation of the New Zealand Founders Society.

He formed reciprocal links between the Founders Societies of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States of America.

Historic Documents

When Mr. J. W. Carr, a past Dominion President of the Society, met the founder in London in 1955, Mr. Johnston handed to him for presentation in Wakefield House a collection of historic documents and pictures, including photographs of pages of baptismal registers in which are the names of Captain William Hobson, first Governor of New Zealand; George Augustus Selwyn, first Anglican Bishop of New Zealand; Sir Joseph Banks, the famous botanist who was with Captain Cook on voyages to New Zealand; Samuel Marsden, the first missionary to come to New Zealand.

Mr. Johnston was the originator of the annual celebration of New Zealand Day in London on 6 February.

The Founder's Last Letter

Here are some passages of Mr. Johnston's letter of 23 February:—

"May I most sincerely congratulate the Dominion Council and, as founder, thank all who have contributed to the coming success of their long, well-sustained and well-organised efforts to have the sixth of February officially recognised as 'New Zealand Day,' as it has been for some years in the U.K.

"Members of the Society should be proud of the leading part taken by past and present Dominion Councils in a matter of national importance which must greatly enhance the standing of the Society as an active national body. If the Press publicity is properly handled it should result in a wide and dignified recognition of the national character and work of the Society, and greatly stimulate membership.

Won Lord Cobham's Interest

"I wrote to Lord Cobham and congratulated him on his appointment as Governor-General of New Zealand and wished him and Lady Cobham a very happy and successful term of office, on behalf of the Council and members of the N.Z.F.S.

"I received a charming letter, thanking me and the Society, and saying he will look forward to visiting Wakefield House and meeting the founders' direct descendants. I told him of our qualifications and aims and objects and sent a copy of the 'Bulletin.'

"Lord Cobham is a Cambridge man, and was greatly interested to learn that the famous cricketer, Gilbert Jessop, was my intimate friend at Cambridge and that we shared 'digs' together for two years after coming down, because he had happened to mention that Jessop was his particular hero.

"The Society is very fortunate in having Mrs. G. B. Williams as our deputy. She is very much sought after by numerous organisations and, in addition, is a most charming woman. Our 'Landlady' (as I call her) has promised me she will visit New Zealand."

Dominion Secretaryship

In April Miss Shirley Helliwell resigned from the joint secretaryship of the Founders Society and the Overseas League.

During a membership of about ten years she took an enthusiastic interest in the Society's welfare. She was honorary secretary of the Junior Founders section for some years and was a member of the Dominion Council for several years.

Miss Helliwell's successor is Mrs. Rita Hollings.

Bledisloe Wreath on Wakefield Grave

Everyone Can Do Something for New Zealand

A blustery cold southerly came on 16 May for the laying of the Bledisloe wreath by the Mayor of Wellington (Mr. Kitts) on the grave of Edward Gibbon Wakefield in the old Bolton Street Cemetery, but the tempest failed to cool the fervour of the ceremony.

Appropriate speeches were made by Mr. Kitts; the Minister of Tourist and Health Resorts (Mr. Eyre), who represented the Government; the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Nash); Mr. Max Wall, Dominion President of the New Zealand Founders Society; Mr. C. J. Freeman, secretary of the Wellington Early Settlers and Historic Association.

The speakers mentioned the nation-building qualities of Wakefield, often emphasised in the "Bulletin."

"Wakefield's marvellous service for British colonisation was a revelation of the power of one man (when firmly fixed on a great purpose) to triumph over tremendous difficulties," said Mr. Wall.

"If such a Wakefield were here today, he would be giving a very strong lead for community welfare. He would find a way to put an effective check on some of the evils that are unfortunately evident today, such as destructive vandalism and other unsocial trends.

"Many people feel that, as individuals, it is hopeless for them to attempt to change any bad trend in human affairs. That is an illusion which Wakefield's historic example should dispel.

"Edward Gibbon Wakefield's record, shining through the mists of time, is a perpetual inspiration to each of us to do what we can, individually and collectively, for the advancement of our beloved country."

Library for Wakefield House

Mr. Jeff Andrew stated at the April meeting of the Dominion Council that he had discussed with Mr. Shortt, chairman of Wellington Branch of the Overseas League, the proposal to set up the nucleus of a library—the contents of which Mrs. Gledstone was cataloguing—in the joint office of the Founders Society and the Overseas League. Mr. Shortt, on behalf of his committee, had given his approval.

Canterbury's Ideal Member

Mrs. J. Genn, a life member of the Canterbury Branch, which she has helped generously year after year, is in her 88th year. Recently she unavoidably had her first absence from the social gathering, but she was there in spirit, proved by her payment of room rental for that evening.

The chairman, Mr. Alan Oakes, gave a very interesting talk on early history of Christchurch, including reference to a survey map which he possessed.

Mr. R. Richardson's Service Appreciated

Pressure of professional work has caused Mr. R. Richardson's resignation from the Dominion Council. He was thanked for his zealous work for the Society, particularly for his service on the Publicity Committee.

New Zealand Day Must Come

Helpful support for proper national recognition of 6 February, anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, as New Zealand Day, came in an editorial article of "The Evening Post" in May. It is reprinted in the "Bulletin," because it will be of much interest for members of the Society resident beyond range of "The Post's" distribution. Here is the full text, which was headed "National Significance of the Treaty of Waitangi":

"New Zealand is a nation without a birthday, for our Dominion is one of the few countries in the world in which a day of universal national significance is not observed and celebrated each year. The proposal adopted by the Labour Party conference that New Zealand should have a new public holiday, to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, suggests a way to remedy the omission.

"The view of the Prime Minister that this would create an additional holiday, and his reaction that 'we have plenty already,' is fully justified, but that does not close the matter, for the Labour Party conference decision means that the extra holiday could—and probably would, should a Labour Government take office again—be decided upon without more ado.

"An alternative approach to the problem of properly observing a national day of commemoration without adding to the already substantial list of paid holidays can be opened by a review of the present practice of the individual provincial districts celebrating their own anniversary days. These, as Mr. Holland says, are very important, but associated with their observance are some drawbacks.

"While people will remember their own provincial anniversary, many overlook holidays elsewhere, and this can cause confusion and inconvenience to anyone at any distance away from their own home. In Otago and Southland (23 March) and Taranaki (31 March) the holiday sometimes clashes with the Easter break, and in Canterbury (16 December) the occasion interferes with Christmas preparations.

"In some places the anniversary lacks real significance, for instance in the parts of Auckland and Wellington provinces remote from the original settlements. In others its importance has been submerged in current local events, a case being in Hawke's Bay, where observance of the anniversary (1 November) is advanced to allow a holiday on People's Day at the A. and P. Show.

"Auckland's anniversary (29 January) is a day of more national than local significance, for it commemorates the arrival of Captain William Hobson at the Bay of Islands on 29 January, 1840. Captain Hobson was empowered, with consent of the Maoris, to proclaim the sovereignty of Queen Victoria over the islands of New Zealand and to assume the Government thereof. The proclamation was made and the flag hoisted with due ceremony on the following day.

"These dates, 29 January and particularly 30 January, have some claim to consideration for adoption as a national Anniversary Day. Others are 13 December, on which date in 1642 Tasman first sighted New Zealand, and 6 October, the day in 1769 when Captain Cook caught his first glimpse of this country.

"But 6 February has a stronger claim than any of these, because of its universal importance to both Maori and pakeha, and because the treaty is a cornerstone of our national Constitution and has a direct and enduring relationship to our everyday national life.

"New Zealanders are familiar with Independence Day, the 4 July celebration in the United States, and with 'the tenth of the tenth,' the 10 October anniversary of the establishment of the Chinese Republic. Some countries, especially European States which spent years under the Nazi yoke, celebrate a day of liberation. These occasions strengthen the feeling of pride in national independence and sovereignty, firmly holding together people of different race and religion through the common bond of nationhood.

"New Zealand is one of the few exceptions. Even though there may be some opposition to the loss of a local anniversary to avoid creating another paid holiday, the claims for wider recognition of Treaty of Waitangi Day as a day of national significance and commemoration are worthy of further consideration."

Obligation on Parliament

The Founders Society has not pressed for an additional public holiday. The strong case submitted to the Government was limited to official recognition of 6 February as New Zealand Day, but Cabinet has shown no willingness to go even as far as that limited compliance with the wishes of very many people throughout the Dominion. Parliament will have the opportunity to do its national duty when the Society's petition is presented. It is hard to see sensible reasons for opposition to the request.

Greenstone Lured Te Rauparaha to Kaiapoi

In the New Zealand Centennial Pictorial Survey, "Tracks and Roads," Dr. A. H. McLintock tells why the clever, subtle Te Rauparaha, who was termed "Maori Napoleon," raided Kaiapoi (a few miles from Christchurch).

"The ancient Maori had no weapons or implements of iron and steel," the historian wrote. "For all practical purposes he lived in the Stone Age. For gold he cared nothing, even if he knew of it, but for greenstone he would fight to death. From this stone he fashioned adzes, chisels, tomahawks, meres, and ornaments for personal adornment. Pounamu, as the finest grade of greenstone was called, was shaped

and polished with infinite patience, sometimes for years.

"So highly esteemed was the stone that tribes made long and arduous journeys to secure it, or waged war with another for its possession. Te Rauparaha's bloodthirsty raid on the Kaiapoi Pa was due largely to his desire to plunder the immense wealth of stone which those people were known to possess."

When Doctors Differ

Would you send the man you hate
Down to Pluto's dark dominions?

No bravos hire to seal his fate.

Bid two physicians on him wait,
Two of different opinions.—Anon.

Splendid Anniversary Pageant of Taranaki

In bright sunshine of Sunday afternoon, 31 March, about 5000 people saw in Pukekura Park, New Plymouth, the very impressive Taranaki Anniversary Day pageantry, one of the best-organised spectacles of that kind ever staged in New Zealand. Representatives of 24 organisations and 15 nationalities took part. Appropriate comment came from a loud-speaker during the display. This splendid revival of inspiring history was mainly a product of the New Plymouth Public Relations Office in smooth co-operation with many enthusiastic helpers.

The Public Relations Officer, Mr. E. Handbury, remarked after the very successful demonstration that he hoped the pageantry would be an annual event. This hope was shared by Mr. R. G. Jamieson, President of the Taranaki Branch of the Founders Society. He and other members helped to their utmost in preparations for the pageant.

Broadcast Message of Taranaki Branch

While members of the Taranaki Branch were passing into the oval of Pukekura Park, the following script of Mr. R. G. Jamieson was broadcast:—

"I wonder do we of today's generation ever take a thought of what our grandparents or, perhaps, our great-grandparents did not have. In fact, they had very little, except hard work, sweat and tears.

"Members of the Founders Society are descendants of those pioneers who arrived within the first ten years of the founding of the principal settlement of each province.

"One of the Society's main objects is to foster in the rising generations the spirit of enterprise, faith, endurance and, above all, the determination to succeed. The efforts of our forefathers have been an important part of the many advantages you and I possess today.

"The Society invites all those eligible to join. If you are interested, write to the Society, care of the Public Relations Office, Devon Street, New Plymouth, and full particulars will be posted to you.

"Taranaki must be an ever-growing heritage for your sons and daughters and their children's children. What better inspiration could they have than linking with founders' descendants in a strong national friendship?"

Taranaki's Founder Honoured

On the morning of 31 March, in Te Henui Cemetery, a wreath of laurel and native foliage, typifying the union of the Maori and the pakeha, was laid on the grave of Frederick Alonzo Carrington, honoured as founder of the province.

The attendance included members of the Carrington family, Taranaki members of Parliament, representatives of local bodies of the province, the Taranaki Branch of the Founders Society (which projected the ceremony) and other historic organisations.

In the course of an address at the graveside Canon Liggett said that the New Zealand Founders Society was to be commended, because it not only chose to remember the past but worked for the continuation of the pioneering spirit in the present.

Mr. R. G. Jamieson said he hoped that the wreath-laying would be repeated annually.

Perilous Flight from Whangarei in 1845

(Contributed by two Auckland members.)

At the time of the sacking of Kororareka in March, 1845, by Heke and his Maoris, the settlers in the Whangarei district were advised by friendly natives to take refuge in Auckland for a while. One of them, Mr. H. C. Holman, accordingly hastened to Auckland to obtain a vessel for their removal. Several chiefs promised to protect the white people in case of an attack from the north meanwhile.

Mrs. Holman's diary, which is now in the possession of her granddaughters, Misses G. A. and M. W. Holman, of Herne Bay, Auckland, gives the following chronicle of events after her husband's departure:—

"On the day following the desertion of the craft (a boat of about 12 tons which was left at Onerahi by two men), we were all at tea when we heard a frightful yelling. The door was thrown open and the room filled with natives. They all had guns and spears. The old chief Tauru rushed about saying: 'Te Horoma wahine' (Holman's wife). He caught hold of me and threw his blanket round me, baby and all, for I held tight to my baby. He carried me down to the river and put me into his canoe.

"It was quite dark. You may imagine my feelings better than I can describe them. This chief had promised my husband that he would take care of me, and all the time I was under his blanket he kept jabbering to me, words of comfort it seemed, but it might have been quite the reverse for all I knew, as I did not then understand their language.

"He and his men took me and a number of others down the river and put us on the craft which the men had left, and during the night all the settlers came on board. Towards the morning, Mr. Mair arrived in a small boat of his own with William Poe, a chief who would not leave Mr. Mair until he saw him safely aboard.

"When we were all aboard (about 50) the native chiefs told us to get away as quickly as possible, which we did. We were packed like sardines in a box. It took us three days to reach Kawau Island; and if it had come on to blow, we must all have gone to the bottom of the sea.

"During this time we had no food. We reached Kawau in a pitiable state. Mr. Lees was living there at that time, managing a copper mine, and he received us in a most kindly way and did everything for our comfort. None of the people had any clothing but what was on their backs.

"While we were at Kawau, my husband arrived in the 'British Queen,' a craft of about 30 tons. As soon as we were sufficiently recovered, we left for Auckland in that ship. My husband, a skilled yachtsman and navigator, handled the ship himself with the help of two men, and we were all landed safely at Auckland."

Missing Members' Addresses Required

Present addresses of members whose previous addresses are shown in parentheses are required by the Dominion secretary, P.O. Box 2457, Wellington:—

Mr. J. E. Bryce (R.D. 3, Cromwell); Mr. K. D. M. Calders (P.O. Box 52, Lower Hutt), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sandford-May (228a Dominion Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.2).

Advertisement in a Hollywood paper: "Are you hip-happy? Do folks gape at your shape? If you have hippotosis, if you are embarrassed by your tittle-tale spread, I can unbulge you."

Annual Meetings of Branches

Auckland

The annual report, submitted by the chairman, Mr. Humphrey Duder, mentioned that the membership had increased from 330 to 356, which was satisfactory, but many more were needed. New members elected were in excess of the 23 increase shown, but resignations had been fairly high, no doubt because of the increase in subscription. The total would be reduced by transfer of 76 to the new Branch. Efforts must be made to fill that gap. For a city of the age and size of Auckland there must be a large number of people eligible for membership of the Society.

With the increasing importance of the Founders Society and the growth of the Branch, it was now important that Auckland should be represented on the Dominion Council. The committee was working on this matter.

Various matters covered by Mr. Duder have been reported in the "Bulletin."

The following officers were elected; Chairman, Mr. Humphrey Duder; deputy-chairman, Mr. T. A. Bishop; honorary secretary, Miss I. M. O'Connor; treasurer, Mr. J. P. Buddle; committee, Mrs. G. W. Maunsell (assistant secretary), Mrs. T. W. McCown, Mrs. B. Quigley, Miss M. Holman, Miss E. Kenderdine, Miss L. Martin, Miss E. Matthews, Miss A. Simmonds, Messrs. E. J. Burke, G. W. Maunsell and R. L. Wynyard; entertainment sub-committee, Mrs. R. L. Wynyard, Miss A. Simmonds and Miss W. Huggins.

Mr. Duder showed colour slides illustrating a trip to Australia.

Canterbury

The annual report showed a membership of 54. The three social functions of the year have been reported in the "Bulletin."

It was stated that it was difficult to get satisfactory attendances for social nights, as there were only about 30 members who could come conveniently. The homes of the others were scattered over a wide area.

The election of officers resulted: Chairman, Mr. A. H. Oakes; deputy-chairman, Mr. L. F. Haylock; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. P. J. (M.) Jones; committee, Mrs. M. Lloyd, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Carr, Miss McManaway, Miss Haylock, Miss Slater, Mr. Cattell and Mr. Jaggar; honorary auditor, Mr. P. Hames.

A note of Mrs. Jones mentions that the committee has been strengthened, with a prospect of progress in the ensuing year.

Good Start for New Bay of Plenty Branch

This vigorous offshoot of the Auckland Branch shows promise of sturdy growth. The membership in May was 90. Mr. Peter Densem has been appointed the Branch's representative on the Regional Committee of the National Historic Places Trust.

There have been successful luncheon meetings at Tauranga, Rotorua and Putaruru. Bad weather caused a postponement for Whakatane.

Ever since Euclid or some other ancient discovered arithmetic we have been horribly embarrassed by the fact that we cannot divide more when we have less.

Whanganui

The 12th annual general meeting of the Whanganui Branch was held on 30 April.

The annual report mentioned various interesting matters, reported in previous issues of the "Bulletin."

Fifteen new members had been elected. The attendance of members at social functions had increased. The ladies had supplied much-appreciated suppers.

The statement of accounts showed a steady increase on the credit side. The secretary, Mr. George Walker, and the committee were thanked for their zealous service.

Delegates to the Dominion Conference reported that it had helped greatly to give them a complete understanding of the Society as a whole.

Preliminary arrangements for a combined social evening with the Manawatu Branch at Marton were discussed. It was hoped that if the project proved successful, it would become an annual event.

The Branch decided to become a corporate associate member of the National Historic Places Trust. Already it has members on the Trust's Regional Committee. A member of this committee, Mr. M. Smart, spoke on the extent of the survey in the district, and showed photographs of some of the historic places deemed worthy of preservation.

The following officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. N. A. Parkes; secretary, Mr. G. Walker; committee, Mesdames Broad, Burrell, Fitzherbert, Spurdle, Miss Russell, Messrs. Ayson, Barrett, Greaves, Bruce, Nixon, Richardson, Rockell, Russell, Scott-Maundrell and Smart.

Wairarapa

The Wairarapa Branch held its sixteenth annual meeting at Masterton on 3 April. The report gave a summary of successful functions.

At the Barnardo Homes Exhibition the Branch had a table depicting a century of progress. Mrs. Balk and her family were thanked for arranging the display.

The membership was 149, an increase of seven for the year.

The election of officers resulted: President, Mr. A. T. Maitland; vice-president, Mr. C. E. Mountfort; secretary, Mrs. I. Ball; treasurer, Miss H. Tankersley; auditor, Mr. W. M. Sellar; Dominion Council representative, Mrs. R. Miller; committee, Mr. Raymond W. Smith, Miss D. Armstrong, Mrs. C. E. Mountfort, Miss G. Langdon, Mr. I. D. Cameron, Mr. R. Tankersley, Mr. D. Brunton, and Mrs. R. W. Smith.

It was decided to send to Miss I. Tankersley, a foundation member, a letter expressing appreciation of her faithful service as secretary and member of the committee for many years.

Special mention was made of zealous service of the late Mr. George Sykes, a foundation member, first chairman of the Branch, a position which he held for six years.

Mr. Mountfort said that the formation of a Historic Society was long overdue.

Films, which included scenes of Rotorua and Blossom Week, were shown by Mr. S. Lane.

Everywhere in life the true question is not what we gain, but what we do.—Carlyle.

Women's Committee Had a Good Year

Successful activity was reported at the 17th annual meeting of the Founders Society's Women's Committee at Wakefield House on 18 May. The attendance comprised Mrs. E. Littlejohn (president) in the chair, Mesdames A. Burnard, K. Edwards, H. Healey, W. Brown, J. Sangster, Misses G. Hamerton, N. Hamerton, B. Parker, J. Sellar, N. B. Wratt, W. L. Helliwell (secretary).

In her presidential address, Mrs. Littlejohn mentioned the year's happy association together, harmonious friendship, and successful organisation and contribution to the work of the Society.

She referred especially to the services of the honorary secretary, Miss W. Helliwell, and expressed deep appreciation of her reliable, enthusiastic and consistent help from the inception of the women's committee and her regular attendance and supervision of the Tuesday afternoon teas, and her many other ways of helping.

The president then expressed the committee's indebtedness to Mrs. Healey for her organisation and catering for the luncheons and all evening functions, and to Miss Sellar for endeavouring to revive the bridge evenings.

She also thanked Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Coates for representing the committee at Dominion Council meetings. She said that all were pleased to welcome Mrs. Crosthwait home from overseas.

Mrs. Littlejohn then referred to the passing of two past members, Mrs. Underwood and Miss Nicholas, and the loss of their good friend and helper, Mr. Miller.

Finally she expressed her sincere appreciation of the fine thoughts, co-operation and help of committee members, and wished the committee every success in the future.

The election of officers resulted: President, Mrs. Edwards; vice-presidents, Mrs. Healey, Misses Sellar and Parker; secretary-treasurer, Miss W. L. Helliwell; committee, Mesdames Brown, Burnard, Beattie, Coates, Healey, Sangster, Dalgleish, Misses Cannon, G. Hamerton, N. Hamerton, Helliwell, Parker, Sellar, Wratt; honorary auditor, Mrs. Sangster; representatives on Entertainment Committee, Mesdames Healey and Coates; delegates to Dominion Council meetings, Misses Parker and Wratt; Linen Committee, Misses N. Hamerton and J. Sangster.

Mrs. Littlejohn Leaving Wellington

A letter from Mrs. Littlejohn explained that she was obliged to resign from the Women's Committee, as she was about to take up residence away from Wellington.

Her generous service was warmly praised, especially her provision and arrangement of floral decorations at all functions.

Mrs. Edwards, on behalf of the committee, presented Mrs. Littlejohn with a writing outfit in a handsome leather case. She referred to the happy associations with the past president, and expressed the sincere regret of all that she would be too far from Wellington to attend future functions. She assured Mrs. Littlejohn that the best wishes for her happiness and success in the future from all members of the committee would follow her wherever she would be.

Mrs. Hope Johnston an Honorary Life Member

Mrs. Hope Johnston has been elected a life honorary member of the Society in appreciation of her many years of active interest in its welfare.

Sir John Gorst's Career Linked Remarkably with New Zealand

(By G. M. Fowlds.)

When the late Rt. Hon. Sir John Gorst revisited New Zealand in 1907, as Commissioner for the British Government to the big Exhibition at Christchurch, the Hon. (later Sir) George Fowlds was deputed by the Prime Minister to accompany him around the Waikato. After visiting Rotorua and Waharoa he stopped at Te Awamutu where, 40 years earlier, he had been appointed Government Agent by Sir George Grey. He was photographed in front of the old mission house (now demolished) with some of his old school pupils.

He (then Mr. Gorst) had left this frontier town in somewhat dramatic circumstances. Some of the Maoris, who had previously assisted in forcing his departure under threats of violence, were amongst those who heartily welcomed him.

One of the most notable of these was Patara te Tuhi, whose tattooed features, painted by Mr. C. E. Goldie, have often been reproduced. This old chief was the editor of the Maori Kingite paper opposing Mr. Gorst's paper. Because the Maoris felt that Mr. Gorst was too strong as an opponent they finished his journalistic career by dumping his printing machine in the river.

When Sir John Gorst returned to England in 1907 he became a prominent member of the House of Commons and was a high authority in education. He was one of the four members called the "Fourth Party." The others were Lord Randolph Churchill (father of Winston Churchill), Sir Drummond Wolfe and the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, who used to harass Mr. Gladstone.

Sir John Gorst's son, Sir Elsdon Gorst, who was born in the old vicarage of St. Mary's (now demolished) in Parnell Road, became famous as British High Commissioner in Egypt.

Not Done by Lady Members of the Society

Here is an American advertisement of lip-stick and face-powder of kinds which no lady member of the Founders Society would yearn to use:—"Red with terrific impact. Explosive as the new bare back, bare midriff and bare toe fashions. Here it is, just plain dynamite, and with it 'Sheer Dynamite' face-powders."

Life-Membership Fund

After discussion of a question raised by the Auckland Branch in regard to subscriptions of life members the Dominion Council confirmed a resolution adopted many years ago—approved by the Dominion Conference in February this year—that all such subscriptions should be paid to the Society's headquarters and placed in a life-membership subscription fund.

The Council gave an assurance that a request from any Branch for special assistance from that fund would receive due consideration.

Obituary

The Dominion Council regretfully announces the deaths of Lady Norwood, Miss L. Nicholas, Mrs. Bethell, Mrs. D. Woodhead, Mrs. M. McCarthy, and Miss M. Walmsley (all of Wellington), Mr. E. E. Vaile, Miss G. Buddle and Miss K. A. Williamson (Auckland), Mrs. M. L. Gillespie (Waipawa) and Miss Meta Harrison (Wanganui).

New Members of Founders Society

| Name. | Address | Ship | Date | Ancestor |
|-----------------------|------------------|---|------|------------------|
| Mrs. D. C. Stewart. | Wellington | "Robert Henderson" | 1858 | J. G. Evans |
| Mr. E. L. Bensemann | " | "St. Pauli" | 1843 | C. H. Bensemann |
| Mr. D. A. Young | " | "Whitby" | 1842 | J. Cawte |
| Mr. B. E. Horrocks | " | "Olympus" | 1841 | J. & R. Mabey |
| Mrs. P. I. Young | " | "Palmyra" | 1858 | A. Bremner |
| Mrs. K. O'Connell | " | "Bengal Merchant" | 1840 | A. & M. Yule |
| Mrs. M. Lockie | Auckland | "Oriental" | 1840 | T. U. McKenzie |
| Mrs. M. K. Cox | Palmerston North | "North Fleet" | 1853 | C. P. Cox |
| Mr. N. S. Tankersley | Masterton | "Tory" | 1839 | T. W. Tankersley |
| Mrs. E. F. Hardman | Wellington | "Victoria" | 1841 | T. Brookes |
| Miss E. G. Reid | " | "Mary" | 1849 | D. Reid |
| Mr. R. T. P. Philson | Auckland | "Slaine Castle" | 1845 | T. N. Philson |
| Mr. C. D. L. Maysmor | " | "Adelaide" | 1840 | D. S. Durie |
| Mr. J. H. Wall | Palmerston North | "Lord William Bentinck" | 1841 | A. & S. Wall |
| Mrs. H. J. White | Hawke's Bay | Lt.-Col. Gold, ancestor, attended Wakefield's funeral | | |
| Mrs. P. P. Ackerman | Dannevirke | "London" | 1842 | Edwards |
| Mrs. P. P. Feierabend | " | "London" | 1842 | Edwards |
| Mr. A. S. Herrick | Takaka | "Pifeshire" | 1842 | E. Allen |
| Mr. H. A. Sharp | Auckland | "Ursula" | 1843 | J. Sharp |
| Mrs. I. L. Lawford | " | "Westminster" | 1843 | J. C. Hill |
| Mrs. Ngaire Trim | Palmerston North | "Lord William Bentinck" | 1841 | G. & S. Wall |
| Mrs. I. F. H. Hair | New Plymouth | "Randolph" | 1850 | C. J. Bridge |
| Mr. J. M. Hair | " | "Middlesex" | 1840 | J. W. Hair |
| Miss N. Dorset | Wellington " | "Hope" | 1846 | W. Dorset |
| Mrs. C. N. Fernyhough | " | "Monarch" | 1850 | S. C. Farr |
| Mrs. P. D. Reid | " | "Duchess of Argyle" | 1842 | E. McLellan |

The Anglomurkan Nation

While efforts are being made to improve co-operation of Great Britain and the United States of America in world affairs, it is timely to reprint "The Anglomurkan Nation," written in 1898 by J. L. Kelly, a brilliant journalist, editor of the "New Zealand Times" (incorporated into "The Dominion"). The Spanish-American War was then going on.

God bless thee, O my country,
The greatest upon airth,
Victorious and glorious
And happy and so forth.
God save our noble Jonathan,
God bless our gracious Bull.
(Excuse these muddled epithets—
My swelling breast is full).

Chorus:

Hurrah for Bullanjonathan!
Three cheers for Johnansam;
The Anglomurkan nation
Is bound to lick creation;
Geewhillikins! Tarnation!
Goldarn! and likewise Damn!

We fear no Dons and devils,
Or treachery of Spain.
Our noble Maine they scuttled.
We'll sweep the Spanish Main.
Beware the Eaglion's talons,
The Lion eagle's paw!
Shout "God Save Yankee Doodle"
And "Dewey et mon droit."

Ye Royal Red Republicans,
Twist not the Lion's tail.
Fling out the Union-Jonathan,
Whose stars shall never fail.
St. George for merry Yankeealand!
Break fetters from the slaves.
Free sons of Columbanglia—
Brityankia rules the waves.

Best of Past Inspires Present

"I agree very heartily with the main ideal of the New Zealand Founders Society to keep in mind the virtues and achievements of ancestors," said Dr. G. A. Currie, Vice-Chancellor of New Zealand University, in a luncheon talk at Wakefield House. "Every generation is dependent on traditions from the past.

"New Zealand has been very fortunate in its men and women who have evolved this country into one of the highest qualities of democracy that have ever emerged in the world."

Now is the opportunity for all members of the New Zealand Founders Society to make the best of the past and present in the campaign for new members to strengthen the Society.

Now comes the call to all to go the Wakefield Way to Win. It is every member's duty to help the Society onward.

"Bertha, how did you make the acquaintance of your second husband?"

"It was quite romantic. I was out walking with my first when my second came along in a motor-car and ran him down. That was the beginning of our friendship."