

REV. E. DRAKE AS HOME MISSION DEPUTATION.

The Home Mission deputation work for North Canterbury is now completed. Rev. E. Drake has made a distinct impression with his lantern lecture, "The Romance of Home and Maori Missions." It is indeed a romance. Mr Drake presents in an appealing manner the story of the bravery and sacrificial devotion of the pioneer missionary to the Maoris and the Home Missionary and deaconess of to-day to Maori and Pakeha in the back country. The lecture is a fascinating story of adventure for Christ. No one should miss this educational review of historic and modern mission work. With the aid of some hundred splendid views and pictures on the screen the lecturer portrays the work of Methodism in New Zealand in a manner that inspires pride in our Church and her agents. With the close of the first century of our history as a nation there is a growing interest abroad in the story of the settlement and development of our young land which is very laudable and gratifying. Nothing is better for our young people than to know, in detail, the story of our national birth and to be inspired to emulate the pioneer spirit of endurance and sacrificial service.

In the detailed accounts of the founding and establishing of Methodism in this land, so arrestingly illustrated with pictures, Mr Drake is engendering a church consciousness—a pride in Methodist achievement and a stimulus to loyalty to the Church and the Kingdom.

Children and young people everywhere should be encouraged to see and hear the story. Any circuits Mr Drake visits in the future would be well advised to prepare ahead and make the most of their opportunity.

THEY BURN DEEPER.

"I was holding a tiny glass to some wood to start a picnic fire; and from his vast distance the sun set fire to my twigs and branches. The secret was, of course, that my glass captured and condensed the sun's beams, so that they burnt more deeply.

"To condense . . . do words burn more deeply if we condense them?"

"For my own part I'm afraid I often smother a fact under a blanket of sentences, or drown an ounce of pathos in a sea of chatter, or hide a needle-point of wit under a regular haystack of explanation.

"Isn't the story of the Prodigal Son a marvel of 'condensation'?"

"Yes. And doesn't a single phrase of Shakespeare often stir the deeps? For the matter of that, doesn't a glance often carry a message of more import than a spate of sentences?"

"To capture and condense a truth; so that it may burn more deeply. That's one of the arts which, I suppose, many of us could achieve if we made the attempt."—A.N., in the "Christian World."

AN INCIDENT IN A PROVINCIAL TOWN, MAY, 1937.

A farmer noted as a hard nail, in a business chat in a mutual friend's office, said: "Here, what about church affairs? You take some interest, don't you?" "Yes." "Well, put this right, will you?" handing over a cheque for £15. "Which fund?" "Oh, you know best." "What do you say—two each for Home and Foreign work—the balance here?" "Right you are!" The farmer lives 14 miles from town. The father of each man had been a church worker.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

The charge for insertion of notices under this heading is 2/6 prepaid. Obituary tributes and wedding reports must be brief. These can only be inserted when accompanied by a prepaid advertisement. Descriptions of dresses at wedding ceremonies are not desired.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

VOSS-MILLS.—On 22nd June, 1887, at the Methodist Church, Greendale, Canterbury, by the Rev. Joseph Sharp, Rosanna, second surviving daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Mills, Greendale, to John, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Voss, Tai Tapu.

Present Address:—"Roseneath," 124 Edinburgh Street, Spreydon, Christchurch, S.W.1.

Within the Veil.

WILLIAM HERRICK.

William Herrick passed through the Sunday School at Tai Tapu, and eventually became a valued officer of the Church, serving as a Church steward, society steward, and envelope steward. These respective offices were ably performed by him spread over several years. He won the appreciation of all who knew him. The citizens among whom he lived respected him. In his home life there was a wonderful affection existing among the members of the family circle. No unkind word, no uncharitable thought, entered his mind or ever escaped his lips. After a brief illness, at the age of twenty-nine, he passed to his reward, leaving parents and sister to mourn his loss and many friends, both near and far, who have known and loved him to regret that the charm of his Christian character had been among us for so short a period. Recently he was laid to rest in Springs-ton Cemetery, the Rev. M. Ayrton officiating at the home, Hill-view, and at the graveside. M.A.

CIRCUIT NEWS.

DANNEVIRKE. In connection with the church anniversary a banquet was held on May 4, which was a great success, at least 150 being present. A short programme of toasts and items was presented. The members of the Ladies' Guild organised the banquet and deserve the thanks of the church.

Adjourned quarterly meeting held May 4, Rev. Mr. Odell, chairman of the district, in the chair. A fair attendance. Balance-sheet showed that position is gradually improving. Roll call about same as last quarter. Sunday School has been badly affected by prevailing epidemic. Other church activities well maintained. A warm welcome was extended to our new minister, Rev. A. E. Waite, who briefly responded. Decided to hold cottage prayer meetings during winter months. A discussion on the work in the circuit proved very helpful, and there is definite evidence of an awakening. Arrangements were made for church anniversary and banquet.

M.W.M.U.

WAIWHETU.

The work during the last few months has been carried on by a small but enthusiastic number of women under the leadership of Mrs. R. M. Russell. Letters were received from Sisters Taylor and Wilcox thanking us for gifts sent at Christmas time. We have had two special efforts, one a bring-and-buy, and also a social afternoon at the home of our president. "Mystery boxes," attractively wrapped, were an added attraction and sold well. Since Christmas we have lost two very valued members—Mrs. Penny, who was our secretary, and Mrs. Pearce. These ladies have moved to Auckland and Wanganui respectively. Regret has been felt that owing to illness Gina was unable to visit our district. We are now busily preparing for our annual concert.

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PERSONAL AND GENERAL (Continued.)

In the "Methodist Times and Leader" for May 27 is a favourable review of the translation into English of "The Whalers," a book of reminiscences by a French surgeon, Dr. Felix Maynard, who was on duty as medical officer on board a French whaling ship in New Zealand waters between 1837 and 1846. The translation is by that excellent French scholar, Mr. F. W. Reed, a well-known member of our Whangarei Church. We understand that Mr. Reed has recently received from the French Government a charming silver medal inscribed, "In recognition of your eminent services for the diffusion of French literature in New Zealand."

Cabled advice has been received that Mr. J. P. Belshaw, son of the Rev and Mrs. J. Belshaw, of Avondale, has been successful in obtaining the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics in the University of Manchester.

After graduating as M.A. with first-class honours in economics at Auckland University College, Mr. Belshaw proceeded to the degree of M.A. in history, in which subject he also obtained first-class honours. In 1935 he was elected to a post-graduate scholarship, and proceeded to Manchester to do research in economics, the subject of his investigation being crises and readjustment policy in New Zealand. Mr. Belshaw expects to return to New Zealand almost immediately. He is the second son of the family to obtain an English doctorate, his elder brother, who is Professor of Economics at Auckland University College, having received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the University of Cambridge some years ago.

English-speaking countries." This is a well-deserved tribute to Mr. Reed, who is, be believe, regarded as one of the greatest living authorities on the works of Alexandre Dumas. We warmly congratulate our esteemed friend.

The many friends of Rev. W. A. Sinclair, our respected F.M. Treasurer, will be interested to hear that his elder son, Mr. Norman Sinclair, Foreign Languages Master at the famous Rugby School, was awarded a Coronation medal recently. He was also given a free seat for the Coronation, his place being immediately behind the N.Z. Hon in the Queen Victoria Memorial opposite the Palace gates. Mr. Ronald Sinclair, our F.M. Treasurer's younger son, is now Resident Magistrate in the British Colonial Service in Nigeria.

Another extract from recent letters to the Editor: "Your editorial work is excellent. The paper is full of interest and deserves a much larger circulation." Will our readers help to secure it?"

Rev. Dr. C. J. Prescott, the distinguished Australian minister who visited our Wellington Conference three years ago, was accorded a complimentary banquet in Sydney on June 9th, on the occasion of his 50th birthday. Eminent men from all walks of life were present, and glowing tributes were paid to the veteran minister's personality and worth.

Rev. Paul Rangamarionjam, the newly-appointed Indian Chairman, startled his audience at the great Albert Hall Methodist Missionary meeting by telling them in the Methodist Indian districts alone 150,000 converts per month were pouring into the Christian Church. Truly a spiritual avalanche is taking place in India to-day.

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