

thirty miles, and early on the Sabbath morning, commencing his work, he would hold six or seven short services during the day among colonists and Maories, civilians and military men, drawing their minds away from earth to heaven ; and then, worn and weary with bad roads and crossing dangerous rivers, he returned to town in time to conduct the evening service or to listen to the sermon of his fellow-labourers. It was on such an errand of love that he left home for the White Cliffs, where he met the cowardly assassin by whom he was shot dead, and his horse was shot also. When found five bullets had pierced his body, his coat was taken away, and the saddle was removed from his horse.

Thus the two missionary societies which have laboured for more than fifty years in New Zealand have each their martyr—men who have not counted their lives dear when called to lay them down in the service of their Master. Mr. Whitely's death was especially deplored by the Maories who remained faithful to him, and they would often exclaim, "Alas! our father." The colonial Government, which had often sought his counsel, conferred a pension of £100 on his widow and unmarried daughter.

Happily the war is now over. The country is fairly at rest. Missionaries of other denominations besides those named are now zealously labouring for the good of the people. A Romish mission has been instituted with the usual display of ostentation which characterises those of that faith. The Government has become established on safer principles than heretofore. Military settlements have been made ; so that by the increase of the colonists and the great reduction of the Maories, it is not likely that such sad scenes will ever again take place as we have noticed. As the natives become more enlightened they will be less disposed to go to war. Two Maories are members of the Legislature, so that the outlook is encouraging and hopeful.

The Wesleyan societies in New Zealand have now been formed into a separate Conference, in which there are fifty ministers, some of whom are natives, and nearly three thousand members of society. The work in the southern world has been formed into a General Conference, with four Annual Conferences. The General Conference meets once in three years. The President of New Zealand Conference, Rev. Thomas Buddle, who has been forty years a missionary in that country, will be the representative of the General