

as they twisted their bodies and limbs about in a most horrible manner.

Leader.—When was the first gospel sermon preached in New Zealand?

Answer.—On Christmas Day, 1814, by Mr. Marsden, Ruatara explaining it to the natives.

Leader.—Tell about Mr. Marsden's last visit to that country?

Answer.—At the age of seventy-two he was carried in a hammock to the different mission stations, and received everywhere with the warmest love. About five months after this visit, God took the faithful missionary home to Heaven.

Leader.—What other faithful missionary spent nearly fifty years in New Zealand?

Answer.—Rev. Henry Williams, who seemed to understand the people better than any one else. He often acted as peace-maker between the British settlers and the natives. He was greatly beloved by all.

Leader.—Give some reasons for the Maori wars?

Answer.—Settlers from England and other countries were unfair to the natives, breaking the treaties made with them, and making them drunk so they could cheat them into signing away their lands.

Leader.—When did New Zealand become a colony of Great Britain?

Answer.—In 1840 the Union Jack was first unfurled in their capital city, but several times since war has broken out when the natives felt that they were unfairly treated. In 1876, a new Constitution was made giving more power to the Maori people.

Leader.—What two famous bishops of the Church of England labored in New Zealand?

Answer.—Bishop Selwyn who went there in 1842, and Bishop Patterson some years later who died a martyr when trying to carry the Gospel to a new and savage island.

Leader.—Describe the letter written to the English Governor by a Maori man condemned to death?

Answer.—He had committed murder while drunk, and after he heard his sentence wrote as follows:

"Go, this letter of mine to the Governor.
Friend, greeting!—I have heard that I am to be put to death on Wednesday, and have a few words to say to you. Let my bad companions, your children, beer, rum and other such drinks die with me. They lead us to do wrong, and should die as we must for that wrong. Do let all these drinks be destroyed from the earth. Man would then answer for his own sin. That is all I have to say."

Leader. How did this letter make the Governor feel?

Answer.—Very sorry to know that the same nation who first sent the Gospel of Christ to New Zealand had also brought the demon of drink. Many of the natives have died drunkards.

Leader.—What lesson should this teach us?

Answer.—That intemperance is the greatest foe that missionaries have to encounter in heathen lands. And so every missionary worker should do all in his power to rid the world from the cause of so much misery.

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