# Family Reading.

## A CHURCH AND VILLAGE IN NEW ZEALAND.

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Extract from a Letter to her Mother; with an ac- dow and two smaller ones at each end, count of a Visit to Archdeacon Hadfield

at Otaki, New Zealand. March 1853

the natives, New Zealanders or Maories, one class of great boys and some men of who were about to visit their much-loved metic, to Philip's great amusement: they to lead my horse and my son Philip's, and hours' schooling, as they are taught agriwere much amused at Philip's\* riding. cultural affairs, and their own households They do not understand English, and as require attention also. The natives are my husband and 1 know but few words in very fond of Mr. Hadfield, and have good Maori, Mr. Woodhouse was the only per. reasons to be so, for he is their parish son who could talk to them.

than the shape of the church and the are in any trouble or difficulty. very pretty, like basket work.

costume.

forty high. It will hold about 800 persons. Thompson are living in them." The simple roof is supported by three massive trunks of trees (at the felling of which the Archdeacon assisted), painted with the dark red paint the natives use to paint their canoes, &c. The walls are adorned with wide panels of the same colour, alternately with panels of black reed work, lanced in and out with fine osier work, which gives the general hue of grev to these alternate panels. The roof is of reed, closely matted together and supported by flat parallel beams of wood painted red and white with native designs, very little inferior in their scrolls, &c. to the arabesque work we use so generally.

The effect, altogether, is very beautiful, and perfectly in character with the appearance of the worshippers, who came in

minding being corrected and made to read over again. The classes are taught by native teachers, licensed by the Bishop ; and in the absence of Mr. Hadfield to attend any neighbouring stations, they read [We gladly insert the following letter at the request of an unknown correspondent. It is a pleasing picture of a prosperous mission. It is right to add that the station is supported by the *Church Missionary Society*.]

for separate classes. On week-days more general instruction "We were escorted by a great many of is given. We heard Mr. Hadfield question

priest, and they apply to him for every-On our arrival it was too dark to see more thing,-for medical advice, or when they

houses. We had a very kind welcome The village is gradually becoming somefrom Archdeacon Hadfield and his wife, to thing like an English one. The fencing whom he had been lately married. The before the houses gives a neatness to the house the Archdeacon inhabits is built of streets, which are all straight and at right reeds and thatched with " Rampo ;" the na. angles. The costume is gradually altertives put it up in a few days; the inside is ing; the young men prefer the compact English dress; and the school g rls are

We arrived in the dark; and every- principally clothed in print frocks and thing, the next morning, was strange and white tippets, which sets the example. new. As it was Sunday the morning was Few of the men or the women cover their marked by ringing the two bells of the heads : their mass of thick woolly black church at early dawn. There was early hair suffices to protect their heads from school, and at 10 o'clock the bell sum- heat or cold. It was very strange to ge moned us to church, where we were truly out and to see none but natives around astonished to see the natives flocking from | The little children at play, all clothed to a all parts of the village, almost all in native certain extent, though only wrapped in a sheet or blanket of the dirtiest possible ap-

The church, externally, is a well-pro pearance. The natives are gradually adoptportioned simple building, with pretty ing English farming. They have several ancet windows, and three large lancet mills in different parts of the country, and windows at the east end. It has a belfry are now building a water-mill. They are and pretty porch, and is a nice church-like very anxious about their Church and looking building. The whole, excepting schools, and have given a large piece of the windows, was built by the natives and land for the benefit of the former. There getting up. We would slip at almost

### ----THE INFANT SCHOOL.

[From the Gospel Missionary.] LITTLE Ellen was just five years old

when she paid her first visit to the Infant School. She had often heard her mamma talk about this school, and had many times faster you could go.' wished to see it, but had not formed any very clear idea of what it would be: and was therefore much surprised at the rows of little boys and girls with their bright floor almost to the ceiling, and when they her and her mamma, Ellen thought nothing could be prettier in the whole world. She "the Bird's Nest," and, when they all claprows; the men mostly on one side and ped their hands together, she was delighted the women on the other with their little indeed. Ellen visited the school very often children,-the school children being in afterwards, and soon learned to take plea. a level plain; but everybody finds it so. children,—the school children being in front. There were a few chairs near the Communion Table for the English who were present. The service was entirely in Maori, which we could follow with our Prayer Books, and our little boy was very the Clergyman came to hear them the Catechism, and to talk to them about the

HARD TO BE GOOD

with tears in his eyes; he ran and laid his and some hand-aid will be required to libhead in his mother's lap and sobbed aloud. erate it. The less you talk, the better. She pushed the curls back from his fore- Your chin has a trick of freezing to your head, kissed him and said : 'What is the upper jaw by the luting aid of your beard ; "O ma,' he answered, 'it's so hard to be to show that even a wink may be unsafe. matter, my son ?'

good.' . What makes you think so, Tommy ?'

was Sabbath, and you talked to me in the tion like hot water. evening about having a new heart, and "But we have been supposing your back

would give me one, and that then I would ticised subject, a warm glow has already pastor, Mr. Hadfield. The natives dis. were very quick in their answers, though love everybody, and always feel happy, and been followed by a profused sweat. Now mayed the gentlemen of the party by lead- somewhat distracted in consequence of not be afraid to die. And I thought I turn about and face the wind; what a ing their horses : they were highly proud our being present. They have only two would like to have such a heart, and I change ! how the atmospheres are wafted prayed when I went to bed, and kept think. off ! how penetrating the cold tickles down struck me, and before I thought I struck numbress mentioned in the story books.

riding down bill on your sled, last winter ? incipient freezing. It seems even to ex. Address A. B., Dist-Office, Yorkville.

breath !'

fast ? "O no ma! It was slow, hard work the story books.

pery

go up, was it ?' "O ves; it's always so with hills."

sled, the smoother the snow got, and the with it.

why it is so, any more than I can tell you seal-skin integuments ' why God made a hill out there instead of

Put out your tongue, and it instantly free-Tommy Wilson came home one day zes to this icy crusting, and a rapid effort Office, Brockville Brockville, 1st Feb. 1854. even my eyes have often been so glued as

As you walk on, you find that the iron-work of your gun begins to penetrate through "Why, you know, mamma, yesterday two coats of wollen mittens, with a sensa-

The Church.

who came to the Pakehas, or strangers, thirty years of age also, in mental arith- told me that I must pray to God, and he to the wind; and if you are a good Arcing about it until I went to sleep, and as your neck and in at your pockets! When! soon as I woke in the morning, I remem. a jack-knife heretofore, like Bob Sauyer's bered about it, and prayed again; and it apple, 'unpleasantly warm' in the breeches seemed to me as if I had a new heart-I pocket, has changed to something as cold felt so happy; and when I went to school I as ice and hot as fire: make your way back tried to be kind to all the boys, and learn to the ship? I was once caught three miles my lessons well, and to be good. But this off, with a freshening wind, at one time noon, George Johnson snatched my ball, feared that I would hardly see the brig again. and I got angry and called him a thief. Morton, who accompanied me, had his And when we were playing, Charley Smith cheeks frozen, and I felt that lethargic him back again. And coming home this afternoon, James Lewis called me a cow. for I have been twice 'caught out,' Sleepard, and I called him a liar. And so, ma, iness is not the sensation. Have you ever received shocks of a magneto-electric matter how hard I try, I can't be good. It machine, and had the peculiar benumbing is so easy to get angry, and bad words come sensation of 'can't let go,' extending up to out so quick. What's the reason ma, that your elbowjoints? Deprive this of its parwe can't be good when we want to be ?" oxysmal character; subdue, but diffuse it Mrs. Wilson thought a moment, and over every part of the system, and you then said : 'Do you remember, Tommy, have the so-called pleasurable feelings of

"O yes, mamma, the hill was covered tend to your brain. Its inertia is augwith snow, and it was beat down until it merted; everything about you seems of was almost as smooth as ice; and we went ponderous sort; and the whole amount of down so fast that it almost took away my pleasure is in gratifying the disposition to remain at rest, and spare your self an en-

• Well my son, but did you go up as counter with these latent resistances. This is, I suppose, the pleasurable sleepiness of

"I could fill page after page with the every step, and we couldn't go up at all in ludicrous miseries of out ship-board life. eighty feet long by thirty-six wide, and houses. Two chiefs name Martin and the place where we slid down, but had to We have two climates, hygrometrically as go around to the other side, where the well as thermetrically at opposite ends of snow was not worn so smooth and slip- the scale. A pocket-handkerchief, pocketed below in the region of stoves, comes up "Then it was easier to go down than to unchanged. Go below again, and it be-

> 'Yes, mamma.' 'Well, Tommy, when God made Adam It is a short story, and perhaps worth the hold Furniture, Mills, Manufactories, &c. and Eve, and put them in the garden, it telling. 'The Doctor' still retains three luxuwas as easy for them to do right as to do ries, remnants of better times-silk next his happy faces, one above another from the wrong. It was like walking on level skiu, a tooth brush for his teeth, and white ground; and they could go one way as linen for his nose. Every thing else is rose from their seats and sang a welcome to well as the other. But they chose to do Arctic and hairy-fur, fur, fur. The silk wrong, and ever since then the world has is light and washable, needing neither the been like the side of a mountain. It is  $u_p$  clean dirt of starch nor the uncomfortable also heard them sing about "the Clock," and hill towards heaven, and it is down hill trouble of flatirons. It secures to me a towards hell. I cannot tell you my son, clean screen between my cpidermoid and

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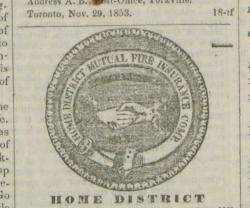
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comes moist, flaccid, and almost wet. Go on deck again, and it resembles a shingle

"And the oftener you went down on your covered with linen. I could pick my teeth "You are anxious to know how I man-

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attentive. No part of the service is omitimpressive than the whole scene; the ever ready to bless them. whole 500 who were assembled responding

The children, like children in England, live in the neighbourhood. She said that were occasionally reprimanded by their her husband had come to London in search native teacher, and told that they must not of work, and that he had been so happy as fidget or play; but the older part of the to get employed very quickly. Ellen was congregation required no admonition. a kind-hearted little girl, and while the Several old chiefs preferred standing against women was talking to her mamma, she the pillars; their fine tattoed faces har. noticed that she looked very sad, and that monized well with the whole. I cannot tears were in her eyes, so see crept close help dwelling on the scene, for such it was; up to her and said in a gentle vice, "Are but you can hardly imagine how overpow. you not happy?" "My little Miss," reing it was to see and hear these people, plied the woman, "I try to be happy, for I who we imagine are only recently con- have many blessings, but you see I am verted, and scarcely safe to approach, come from a country place miles off, and meeting habitually in worship; and I sus- never was in London before, and I feel pect they are infinitely in advance of the frightened at the noise and bustle all round generality of our own nation in meekness me; and I can't help fretting about my of heart and due reverence. As yet, their children, for 1 know nothing about the singing seemed most peculiar, though I great schools here, and am afraid the chilhad been cautioned not to be surprised. 1 dren are too little to go to them, and that have no doubt but that to them it is devo- they will get into bad idle ways, and fortional: to us it sounded like a deep nasal get all the good things they learned in our growl, scarcely differing in notes. They own village school." Ellen ran to her are learning to sing in the school on Hul- mamma, and asked her to tell the poor lah's system, which will, in due time, woman about the Infant School, where she produce a wondrous improvement. Dur- might send all her children; and very ing the sermon,-which Mr. Hadfield told glad she was to see her cheer up at this me was on the subject of the approaching holy seasons of Passion Week and Easter, happier now, than she had since she left -nothing could exceed their attention ; her quiet country home. here and there a figure standing up; and As Ellen left the house she thought to once or twice a female patted along with herself that this woman was something like her bare feet to carry out a crying baby. the poor Emigrants she had often heard Many were following the references in of, who leave their own country and go to their bibles, and I am sure very few were far-off lands where everything seems wild distracted from their reverent behaviour and strange to them, and they-feel themby our presence, although at other times selves forgotten alone : and this led her we were objects of great attraction. When to think how glad they must be when a the blessing was given and they rose to Missionary comes to them and tells them depart, the effect was most striking. They that even in that foreign land God has all rose in order; those at the lower end cared for them, and put it into the hearts of the Church first, and each row as their of kind persons to care for them too, and turn came. Then we became aware to provide for the wants of their little chilof the large number who had been in dren; and then she suddenly said, "Oh, Church, about 500. Mr. Hodfield said mamma, I wish I had money enough to that next Sunday (Easter) he should have pay for a school to be built in one of these about 200 communicants.

distant places where the poor mothers are Many of those in Church are not yet crying because their children cannot be baptized, the Bishop being very particular taught good and holy things." Her mamin deferring baptism until the candidates are ma's smile told her wish was a good one, prepared and earnestly desirous of it. and as Ellen had been taught that it is of There were to be twenty six adult baptisms no use to wish to do good unless we also the next Sunday, and we regretted that try to do it, as soon as she got home, she we could not remain over the week. At went to her little work box, and taking out the Evening Service the attendance was a bright penny that she had kept a long time because she liked to look at it, carried nearly as great.

1 did not go to the early service at 6 it to her mamma, and begged she would o'clock on the week-days, but I understand put it in some safe place as the beginning of the daily services are attended by about 200, a store, which she secretly resolved to add more or less regularly. Does this not to, whenever she could; confidently hop. shame us ? Alas! when so few seem to ing that it would be some day be spent in care to find time to attend or to value the building a school in some foreign country the service. In the afternoon the adult for little emigrant children. school was held in the Church, in standing If every little English girl felt the same classes. In one part were women with desire that Ellen did, and were encouraged

sucking babies and great girls, and in the to cherish it and act upon it accordingly to other part old men, grey-haired and deeply her age and means, how would it gladden tattooed, were reading alongside of their the heart of many an anxious parent and and perfectly enveloping cover of vener-

missionary!

\*Philip is only 71/4 years old.

doing wrong, just as hard as for you to stop Blessed SAVIOUR, who was once a little your sled when half way down, and going L after the Christmas Recess, on Thursday, ted, excepting the first lesson (in conse-quence of the Old Testament not being yet translated). Nothing could be more impressive than the whole scene; the

One day Ellen went with her mamma to every step.' well and behaving with perfect reverence. see a poor woman who had lately come to

when he was climbing up hill to ride down retary of the Church Society. on his sled ? He slipped a great many times, and once or twice fell quite down in the snow; but he scrambled up again and kept on trying, because he wanted to have the pleasure of riding down so swiftly over more for a few minute's sport than for being good and going to heaven ?' being good and going to heaven ?'

being good and going to heaven? Tommy felt ashamed of what he had said. He haid his head in his mother's lap, and what his thoughts were I cannot tell. Determines a resolution of the Resol But after awhile he looked up, as earnest

\* Ma, I have been a foolish boy. I thought I could be good at once and with hardly any trouble. But I see now that it is not so and I mean to the with all 

do not think that you can be good of your. self without his help. You have learned to-day how weak your own strength is ; you up when you fall; and that you will

you up when you fail; and that you will watch yourself my dear boy, and try to overcome all the wicked habits, and re-member what a down hill slippery world this is, and that we must expect hard work in getting through it to heaven. But that heaven will be worth all the ef-forts of a thousand such lives as this !' And Tommy followed his mother's ad-vice, and he is now a good man. He says he often remembers that Monday, when he

he often remembers that Monday, when he thought it was so hard to be good, and the hill and the snow, and the sled; and he hopes that the story will lead some little boy who reads it, to cease slipping down, and try to climb up, and preserve, and pray to God; and so hopes Uncle Jessie.

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