

A REMINISCENCE OF BISHOP SELWYN.

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Now that the centenary celebrations are being held in memory of the first Bishop of New Zealand, we may join with him some of his coadjutors—some grand old men of fifty years ago—men above all the isms loyal to their Church, but more loyal to the Christlike spirit which goes beyond creeds or dogmas.

Both Bishop Selwyn and Archdeacon Brown were muscular Christians, and of Bishop Selwyn I heard a typical example of his muscular Christianity which may not be generally known. In the old Wai-kato days we had some first class drivers of Cobb and Co's coaches.

THE KINDER LIBRARY.

A NOBLE GIFT.

The Kinder Library is to be built as a memorial to the late Rev. J. Kinder, D.D., M.A., a former warden of St. John's College. Dr. Kinder was born in 1819, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, of which he was a scholar and wrangler, also a member of committee of the College Camden society.

College lasted for nine years, and during that time many men passed under his influence. Eighteen of them were ordained, and some of them are still working in this diocese. Shortly after his appointment to the wardenship, the degree of D.D. was conferred on him by Lambeth.

will form the nucleus of a splendid library, and it is hoped the College will receive further gifts of books for the benefit of the many students who will in the future obtain the benefit of education and training at St. John's College.

PRAISE OF FAMOUS MEN.

(Sermon preached by the Right Rev. M. R. Neligan, D.D., Bishop of Auckland, in St. Paul's, Auckland, at the Selwyn Centenary Service on April 29th, 1909.)

"Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his power from the beginning." - Ecclesiasticus xlii. 1-2.

It is but a truism to say that no nation can afford to forget its past; but it is a truism oft forgotten. There are two main errors made in this connection: one in the direction of excess, the other in that of defect.

take! We sometimes do. Again, the Hebrew forgot the past in his haste to be rich in his commercial undertakings. We often do the same. We are so intensely busy—as we call it—in being practical, so much concerned in making money, so feverishly commercial, that we are inclined to believe that the one thing we can afford to forget is the past, and the one thing we cannot afford to forget is the present.

Then there breaks in on our national and ecclesiastical and individual life the commemoration of the birth 100 years ago of a famous man, and we are called upon to praise him and "our fathers that begat us" and to assert that through them our good God hath wrought great glory.

Let us try to get hold of some thoughts that may help our national life, because helping our religious life, from this centenary year—the first, if I mistake not, that as a nation we have been privileged to observe. It will be more profitable for us to emphasise principles than to dwell on details; for the Selwyn

interested and gratified by the sight. During our stay I walked on the prettiest part of the island visiting the other principal stations at Wharfedale and near R. the former I had another school building with 125 children, all meeting with a cheerful countenance, resplendent with al. but not the former building in the same colonnade it is completed & elegant. The native chapel at Wharfedale is a noble building, without rails, but bound together with the ocean and rocks, beautifully arranged in a perspective.



the place of inauguration of the Chief King of the Islands under the name of a splendid wood (or field of trees). The Green for planting & raising... The Selwyn's chapel now stands on the site of the fort of Nankualofa described in Mariner's Tonga Islands; and by the side of it lies the body of Captain Cook of the first Parsonage who was killed in an assault upon the heathen temples of Beia in the middle of the Island. The entire the place of his death, which is a large hole or pit surrounded by a moat; with strong gates formed of stones of trees. Hollow trees are laid under embankment for foot holes to pass through and a stone ladder with wheels is placed at the top. The inside of the fort is full of Ocean rats & kangaroos. The only food of the natives are in the neighbourhood.

A SELWYN LETTER.

...from Tonga during the voyage which the Bishop undertook for the purpose of bounding a part of his domain lying within the tropics.