

Superintendent of the Province. As Major of Militia he saw considerable service in the Maori War, being present at the battle of Waireka with Colonel Stapp and Sir Harry Atkinson. The settlers who lost their property during the war appreciated the compensation scheme which he organized. A few years later he again took his seat in Parliament, and also served on the Provincial Council. For many years Major Brown carried on business as a merchant in Taranaki. His devotion to the interests of the province, which he had seen grow up under his eye from a struggling little pioneer settlement to a flourishing pastoral and agricultural district, was absorbing, and few men, even of the old pioneers, have earned so deep a debt of gratitude from the present generation as did he.

THE following brief sketch of the late Mrs

MRS. LOUISA BLAKE. Louisa Blake was sent by a friend:—Louisa Blake, of Christchurch, passed from mortal existence on October 4th. For the last ten years the name of Mrs. Blake has been identified with humanitarian efforts of many kinds. Her sympathies were cosmopolitan, ever ready, zealous as they were steadfast. Herself childless, she was one of the initiators of the Children's Aid Society of Christchurch, and endeared herself to many a mother by the gentle and sagacious help she gave. She was a prominent member of the Progressive Liberal Association of Christchurch, and represented that body in the last annual meeting of the Women's National Council held in Wanganui. From its inception the Canterbury Women's Institute found her one of its most valued adherents, and on her demise the Society recorded in silence the following resolution:—“This Institute desires to place on record its high appreciation of the work of its vice-president, Mrs. Louisa Blake. The Institute feels that her death entails a great loss, and that its sorrow will be shared by all those interested in the cause of humanity.” Mrs.

Blake was a diligent student of the complex human problem, and added to direct observation a wide course of reading and constant reflectiveness on all she acquired. She was a fluent and effective speaker, manifesting such sincerity and such unaffected kindness that she always reached the heart of her audience. She also had the pen of a ready writer, and has done much good work in the Press of the colony. She frequently expressed herself in ver,



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and one of her latest poems will be found on another page. By her deeds, by her words, and yet more by her thoughts, she will be long remembered. Her countenance was the index of a really beautiful soul, simple as it was unswerving, bright as it was brave. According to the joint request of Mrs. Blake and her devoted husband, the hues of mourning were absent from the obsequies, the colours chosen being light blue and white: emblems of hope and purity. And so gratitude and brief farewell to Louisa Blake.