

and Technical Department in 1944-5 to implement his methods for increasing dairy cattle and casein production. The description of the virtual chaos of life in Japan at the end of the war is given in some detail, both in general terms and as it affected Dr Kawase's work and his family, several members of which were killed in the bombing. He does this with a particular reason—though for the historian the details would merely amount to a definition of the “conditions of war”, for Dr Kawase the experiences can only be accounted for by a stand of pacifism.

Dr Kawase, who is remembered as a generous disburser of boiled sweets to children when he was at Lincoln College and is known to welcome visits from and friendships with New Zealanders, was in an unenviable position from the time of his return to Japan. This is certainly brought out in his personal reminiscences and is probably supported by some of the aspects regarding his book on New Zealand which are still unresolved.

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