

first issue, it would have come to approximately 140 pages, almost half as long again as the Wickham double-column text and requiring correspondingly more paper and perhaps a further two issues.

From both the imprints "Printed and Published for the Proprietor . . ." it seems at least possible that Featon (or some other person) was paying for the printing of the work himself. In this case the expected length and therefore expense of the work if all printed by Field would become apparent after the first part was issued. Assuming that Field would not compromise on the form of presentation, Featon may well have taken the job to a more economical printer to complete its publication within his means. It is also possible, of course, that Field did not want to go on with the job himself and that another printer had to be found.

Unfortunately, a preliminary search of Auckland newspapers has not provided any leads at all as to the publication of the work. It would be interesting to know how many copies of parts were published and how many separates were bound, but these details are even more elusive—and not so inviting to hypotheses.

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