

to be shown round. There are two whom I do remember from my first year there. One was Sir Douglas Maclean, son of Sir Donald, and the other was Bishop Herbert Williams – the third of his family to be Bishop of Waiapu. In after years, when working with the historical collections in Napier, I liked to think that I had met, even briefly, two men whose families were so connected with Hawke's Bay.

Sir Douglas liked to browse around but the Bishop usually wanted something specific or would like to look through the Maori collection.

An interesting personality was H. E. Maude, Administrator of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. He sometimes came to New Zealand for his leave and on more than one occasion he spent considerable time in the Library, finding out all he could about the Islands of the Pacific. His own islands were getting overcrowded and he wanted to find an uninhabited group with similar conditions to which some of the people could be moved. With the information he got from the Library and also elsewhere he was able to find a suitable group, and some of the Gilbertese were transferred.

Then there was Harold Gatty the flyer, who was also very knowledgeable about the Pacific, and later, during the war, wrote little books about how to survive and find your way about if you had the misfortune to fall into it. He would drop in about tea-time and would talk away at a great rate about his flying and other experiences.

A frequent visitor was T. L. Buick, author of *The Treaty of Waitangi* and other historical books. He was engaged on *The French at Akaroa* when I joined the Library. The material for this had been collected in Paris and elsewhere by Dr Robert McNab of Southland, but he died before he could get started on the book, so Mr Buick had been allowed the use of the papers. Most of the documents had been translated where necessary, but there were some still in French, and when he found that Miss Davidson and I were fairly good at French he asked us to translate them for him. This we were quite pleased to do and thought we had made a good job of it, but there were traps, like the phrase, *a grande vitesse* which we translated as 'full speed ahead', till Mr Buick pointed out that this is used only of steamers, and all the vessels concerned were sailing-ships. In spite of a few slips like this, he seemed to approve of our efforts, and when the book came out he presented each of us with an autographed copy.

Those who came just as sightseers, to be shown round the Library are still more difficult to recall, though I do remember two American ladies who wanted to see 'some da-a-h-cuments signed by Ca-a-ptain Co-o-ok' in an accent which I found so fascinating that I had to restrain an impulse to say, 'Oh, do say that again!'

The procedure was for us to take the visitors through the Library, showing them anything that we thought would interest them, and then