

capitalist or, indeed, have succeeded in any walk in life which did not demand some measure of compromise. On Church issues his consistent adherence to fundamentals brought him into conflict with more establishment-orientated colleagues and when frustrated or threatened he seized a pen with the same interminable results as Colenso but, justly, with more effect. During the local arguments with Vidal and the Committee he poured scorn on the cumbersome time-wasting committee organisation of the C.M.S. preferring simply to make up his mind and forge ahead.

When two years later he was incorrectly accused of being behind the decisions at the initial Pukawa meeting prior to the establishment of the Maori King, Gore Browne, perhaps prompted by McLean, was prepared to banish him. When the eye of this hurricane also passed it opened a path for time, circumstance and his family to found one of New Zealand's most interesting bicultural dynasties with its own positive contribution over several generations. In the shorter term, memories of this 1854 trauma prompted historically significant reactions in two camps. Who will deny, on the one hand, that Grace's strong Maori sympathies were a factor in his surviving at Opotiki in March 1865 when Volkner was killed? Correspondingly, the guarded but clear indication which James Hector passed on to him two years later that Government—as distinct from Grey himself—did not want him back at Taupo reflected also the memories and reactions of a colonial wartime administration.

Today's complexities of coexistence, the facts as well as the rights of successive Maori incursions preceding a European occupation by guile, force and a peculiar British blend of both which now compel more than a meed of justice on the path to positive inter-racial reconciliation, are obviously beyond the scope of this historical footnote. From the Maori standpoint the dying Telford's rider on the controversy is a fitting conclusion 130 years later:

My prayer is, that a time may arrive . . . when the painful & perplexing elements in this critical period of their history being all evaporated they may continue to be known as a distinct people—intelligent, wealthy & respected—living in harmony among themselves, and at peace with their fellow country men of foreign descent

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