

Upon firm foundations prepared today may the confidence and security of future generations stand firm and tall.

To Maraea, nothing was too much trouble and nothing was impossible.

Maraea carried the mana of her high calling with honor and distinction. To her last breath her example to us all was one of pride in her Maori people and grace and dignity.

On education Maraea said "My Whare Waananga is the Experience of Life...."

She also said that her early training and education received at Hukarere, prepared her for life.

She said "we must all accept basic citizenship responsibilities and in so doing be a positive influence in the neighbourhood and community where we live, to the support and betterment of others. We can do much to help build a

stronger and better community and nation.

Spiritual values

Maraea was a staunch believer in spiritual values: the true Christian outlook. Love of fellowmen... "do unto others as you would they should do unto you... it is more blessed to give than to receive."

For many years she had been a member of the Christian Temperance Union and her whole life reflected her Christian beliefs.

Maraea Te Kawa lived out her closing years, from 1966 in her beloved Ruatoria, among the people she dearly loved and respected.

Of Ruatoria Maraea said "...it is a community where both Maori and pakeha work together in harmony and in good, friendly spirits. In Church and other organisations within the area,

they have worked peacefully together, and still do...."

Maraea Te Kawa, Dominion President of the Te Roopu Wahine Maori Toki I Te Ora (M.W.W.L.) passed away 5th Sept. 1983, in Cook Hospital Gisborne. Her Tangihanga was held at Waiomatatini Marae and her burial took place at the Rimu Hill Family Cemetery, Ruatoria on Wed. 7.9.1983 (126 days after her election as Dom. Pres. M.W.W.L. on 12.5.1983).

Haere e te whaea o te motu
Takahia atu ra te arawhanui a Tane
...te pae o te taki tini... o te tako mano
Farewell o Noble Matriarch
Tread the Golden and extensive pathway of Tane
Let your footsteps rebound
Beyond the threshold
Of the myriads and the many thousands.

POROPOROAKI

Heretaunga Tamanui

"I te paunga o te marama o te Hurae kua taha ake nei, i hinga atu ra tētahi o ngā tōtara whakahi o te Wao Tapu Nui o Tāne.

Ka rangona katoatia e te ao tōna harurutanga. Ko te matua tēnei ko Heretaunga (Archie) Tamanui.

I mua tata o tana matenga kua riro kau i a ia tētahi Tūnga Whakahōnora o te Tari o te Ture kia tū ia hei J.P., arā kia hohoutia e ia te rongo ki waenga i te iwi. Ko tōna tikanga anō hoki te whakaeke atu ki Poneke ki te Hui Whakatauirā mo tōna iwi mahi ai. O tira na tēnei hanga te mate a Heretaunga i karanga ai, kātahi ka mawehe atu ia i te mata o te whenua.

Ae, he tika tonu ra ko tēnei o tātou he tama nui! He tangata whakapono, he tangata ngawari, humarie anō hoki. Ko tōna tumanako kia whakamāhorahora tia e te ao o rātou whakaaro ki te hohonutanga o tō tātou taha Maori, ā, kia aroha ake tātou i a tātou anō.

He tini rawa ngā kōrero mōna. He mihi anō na te iwi ki tana hoa ki a Te Atawhai (Maidey) me ā rāua tamariki, mokopuna hoki. Ka tūtuhanga hoki tā rāua kapa haka a Te Manawanui. Kia pērātia rātou i tāna i tohu ai. Tēnā koutou.

Tēnā ra koutou T'aitanga-a-Mahaki mo tēnei taonga ataahua rawa atu o koutou i homai nei ki a mātou. Me tangi tahi ai tātou ki tēnei o nga uri o Mangahaumie.

E āta rerehu ana ia i te ara. Ehara taua ara i te huarahi tangata. Kao He huarahi wairua kē. Nō reira kei te hoa, kei te pāpā, takahia atu ra te ara whanui e whakawā tehia mōu. Kia tae atu koe ki Mōriaonuku me hoki koe mā te waka tīwai a o tātou Wheinga. Kua rūpeketa tahitia koutou te hunga mate ki tua o te arai. I hikoia e koutou ngā whetū e anga ki te pouri kerekere. Nō reira whakata, e oki, moe."

