

When I came into the hall I was still myself.  
Mr J.G. Magwort, a well-paid school inspector  
Respected by many, liked by few.

'Prize Giving Speech', quoted in Kenneth Baker, *I Have No Gun but I Can Spit*. 1980: 182.

I would like to change the emotional climate of this country, make it one per cent warmer before I die.

In *The Memoirs of Millicent Baxter*. 1981: 144.

Among the European New Zealanders, an Irishman, if he did not hate himself, has seemed at times to be a Maori in disguise.

Introduction to 'The Devil and Mr Mulcahy', *Collected Plays*. 1982: 332

Cold as a Calvinist conscience.

Dunedin in *One of the Boys?* 1988: 35.

#### BAXTER, MILLICENT

We never used our bidet for ordinary purposes. It was always full of flowers.

*The Memoirs of Millicent Baxter*. 1981: 96.

It was Archie's hands, not his thumbs, which were black and swollen. Jim was always unreliable when it came to facts. One must, I suppose, forgive poets their inaccuracies.

*The Memoirs of Millicent Baxter*. Queen Charlotte Sound. 1981: 143.

#### BAYLY, WILLIAM

These are called Poey-Birds. They are thought to be the finest eating for delicacy & richness & far to exceed the Otterlin so much esteemed by the Epicurans.

The 'poey' bird was an early name for the tui, observed 12 April 1773 by the astronomer on the Adventure, during Captain Cook's second voyage.

#### BAYLY, WILLIAM (2)

Port Underwood ... is a beautiful harbour as in the known world.

Letter 29 February 1842 from Devonshire yeoman in New Plymouth to parents. *Letters from New Plymouth from Settlers and Labouring Emigrants*. 1843: 14.

#### BEACH, ERIC

I didn't come to Australia, I just left New Zealand.

*St Kilda Meets Hugo Ball*. 1974.

#### BEAGLEHOLE, ERNEST

A pakeha hostess may become worried if her guests do not arrive on time. Not so the Maori hostess. The food will be ready to eat whenever anyone is ready to eat it. The first course may be served and then someone sent down to the shops to buy cake and beer for dessert. Why worry about food hot or cold? Food is food, and time is what you make of it.

*Some Modern Maoris*. 1946: 296.

#### BEAGLEHOLE, JOHN CAWTE

The map of the Pacific is his ample panegyric.

Of James Cook. *The Exploration of the Pacific*. 1934: 315.

The liberal autocrat is an antimony of which history has not yet provided the resolution: the reward which Grey's energy earned from his countrymen was

too often their resentment and distrust. Unable to tolerate his equals, he was found intolerable by them; and to such a man, however able, the conclusion of politics must be acrid with the bitterness of failure.

*New Zealand: A Short History*. 1936: 27.

The colonists of New Zealand come mainly from that struggling and expanding class the Respectable Poor.

*New Zealand: A Short History*. 1936: 48.

He was a laborious farmer and a laborious politician, successful in both roles, dividing a faith as massive as himself between the Scriptures and the British Empire. Precipitate in patriotism and inaccessible to subtlety, he was the epitome and exemplar of the country he led; and it cannot be said that that country failed him in its devotion.

*William Ferguson Maesey in New Zealand: A Short History*. 1936: 96.

Mr George William Forbes, a Canterbury farmer who had been successful in spending a lengthy period in Parliament without giving rise to the suspicion that he would one day lead it.

*New Zealand: A Short History*. 1936: 89.

A Government that does not know what to do may nevertheless feel the urgency to do something.

*New Zealand: A Short History*. 1936: 94.

Canterbury was to be like no other historical colony; ineffably refined and pure, the ripe quintessence of Old England flourishing on virgin Antipodean plains, linked to earth by the squire, to heaven by the bishop, to the eternal but secular verities by the local Oxford or Cambridge — a colony at once soundly English and nicely Anglican.

*The University of New Zealand*. 1937: 93-4.

New Zealanders are an empirical people; they have never been prone to political theory, and its statement has generally alarmed them.

*New Zealand and the Statute of Westminster*. 1944: 64.

The world, one is sometimes driven to reflect, has been arranged for the convenience of the inhabitants of the northern hemisphere.

*The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 1, 1955: pxxiii.

The Maoris ... first impulse with intruders who were not readily recognisable was to knock them on the head; indeed, to invite them enthusiastically on shore for the purpose.

*The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 1, 1955: pxxviii.

The Maori captain in the Maori canoe, at the height of Maori seamanship, before the land claimed him for its own — this was the perfect matching of element and man.

*The Discovery of New Zealand*. 1961: 3.

Powerful in body and voice, forceful, tireless, shrewd in his appreciation of men, a good administrator, and a consummate politician, astute without being subtle, unable to tolerate equals around him, able not merely to jump on a

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