

There is nothing more interesting to the historian of a new settlement than the first doings of its first settlers; their hardships; their mode of life and their ideals.

Out of all the numerous colonies founded by the British Race in the last three centuries the Province of Canterbury stands out as having been the deliberate creation of idealists.

The founders set out to establish a new Britain at the extremities of the earth.

The addresses given to the Rotary Club by Robert Allan, Andrew Anderson and Arthur Dudley Dobson have given us vivid pictures of the very early conditions that prevailed.

The details that are given enable us to almost picture the scenes that were of everyday occurrence. Such records as we have here must be invaluable in the future, and the addresses make us realize how great has been the advance in material comfort during the last seventy years.

Rotarians themselves can judge whether we as the citizens of to-day can attempt to rate our ideals at the same high level of our early pioneers.

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