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GOVERNOR'S BAY

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GOVERNOR'S BAY

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AT GOVERNOR'S BAY.

Across the hills we went that day,
Across the hills — oh, golden
time!—

The sea, the sky made one sweet
rhyme,
And nothing could our hearts affray.

The blue bay slept in holy peace,
Nor saw how clear it mirrored
there

The cliffs and islands floating near.
Awaiting the sweet day's decease.

Dolce A. Cabot.

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The earliest settler of whom we have record was Mr. R. Harris, Grandfather of Mr. Robert Harris of Allandale. His first home was a hole dug out of the side of the Hill, and covered with bullock skins sewn together. The hole is still to be seen near Mr. Sage's property.

Mr. Dyer, after whom the Pass is named, purchased 50 acres (R.S.228) near the Bay which was then called Dyers Bay, in 1850. In 1856 he bought R.S.442, and 443 (30 and 20 acres) at the G.B. wharf. He lived with Mr. Parsons for five years before building his own sod house (below Dr. Pairman's house). This he named Stoke Farm, the Maori name is given as Parakiraki. Mr. Dyer's Mother brought an acorn from England and planted it there. The oak tree is still flourishing in Mr. Hewitt's garden. A correspon-

dence in the newspapers brought out the fact that this is one of the two largest oak trees in New Zealand, the other, of about equal size is at the Wesleyan Mission Station in

North Island. Mr. Dyer's house was still standing when Dr. Pairman bought the property, 29 years ago, and Dr. and Mrs. Pairman lived in it while their own house was being built.



Hotel & Mr. Gellerty's house



Miss Lewis' house & Cholmondeley Home.



Allandale in the distance

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Mr. Arthur Chas. Dyer gives the following details about his father Mr. John Dyer.

He arrived in New Zealand in the "Canterbury" in October, 1851. For the first six months he lived in a tent. He had bought land from the Canterbury Association before leaving England, and was allowed to choose any land not already taken up. He chose Governor's Bay because there were no rivers to cross in getting there.

Mr. Dyer and Mr. Parsons were partners at first, and the Pass was named after him because he owned land at the foot of the Pass, and people had to go through his land to get across the Hill.

At first people went by boat to Lyttelton to Church, then Services were started in a small building belonging to Mr. Potts. The Rev. W. W. Willock was the Parson, and Mr. Dyer used to lead the singing with his flute.

The Dyers left the Bay for a time, and Mr. Gray occupied their house, they went back for five years, but left finally because it was so difficult to sell their produce. If they brought butter over to Christchurch they might get only 4½d. a lb. for it, and that had to be taken out in groceries.

There is a story about the gum trees which for years have been such a feature of the landscape, as one reaches the foot

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of Dyers Pass Road, in the Waitahuna grounds. Mr. Parsons sent to town to a well known seedsman for a packet of onion seed. It was indeed a "surprise packet" for up came gum trees, and he planted them round his property. The two seeds are, I believe, almost indistinguishable.

Mrs. Dyer (née Gray) came out in 1860. Her brother was a naturalist and wrote on British seaweeds etc. One of her uncles (Geo. Robert Gray) wrote several books on birds, he was asked to name several of the New Zealand birds - the Tui for one, naming it *Prosthemadera Novae Zealandia*. Another uncle was connected with the British Museum.

To show the difficulties that people had before roads were made, Mr. A. C. Dyer told of his father and uncle buying twenty heifers at £20 each, and starting to drive them over the Hill. There was no road at all, and the cattle got round the Hill on a narrow ledge, where there was no way to go on, and no room to turn back. One by one they all fell over the precipice and were killed. This was a terrible loss to the owners and it took years to recover from it.

Mr. Dyer received injuries by being crushed between a bullock cart and a gate. Though he lived four years after this, he was never strong again.

Mrs. Parsons (sister of Mr. John Dyer) was a great Church

worker - she got up two bazaars for the Church - sent to England for goods for them, and the two sales realised £500.

Miss Wallis, whose grandfather, Mr. Robert Harris, was the earliest settler in the Bay, says that her mother (nee Harris) was five years old when her people arrived from England in one of the first four ships. Her father gave help when the Eastern window was being placed in the Church - he did the carpentry work.

Mr. Carpenter, Clerk to the Mt. Herbert County Council, is a much-respected resident of the Bay. He takes the greatest interest in all that effects the welfare of the place, has been Vicar's Warden for many years, and is a regular attendant at the Services. We much regret that owing to illness he is not able to be at the Anniversary Celebrations.

Since writing the above our good friend Mr Carpenter has passed to his rest, on Feb. 26th 1935, at the Christchurch Hospital. Very great regret has been felt, & expressed in the community.

Another old landmark has passed away

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Mr. Potts bought 50 acres (R.S. 1129) and R.S. 1130 (30 acres) in 1858 and built a stone house, leaving a wooden part of the original house at each end. He was a great naturalist, and was the author of the book "Out in the Open", a series of Essays dealing with many topics of interest in New Zealand flora and fauna. On p.226 he says "Living close to the beach in a sheltered nook in Port Cooper, few woodland birds now frequent the slopes of our picturesque Hills, like many other districts, once clothed with stately trees and bright-leaved shrubs. Shade and shelter gone, bare stems with whitened tops remain, and point to the work of the ruthless bushman." It is said that Mr. Potts employed six gardeners, and sent for seeds and plants all over the world, also that he had as many as 4,000 different kinds of trees. He made a fernery in a gully near his house, containing ferns, many of them rare, from all parts of the world. An unprecedented flood caused by a cloudburst washed the whole fernery out to sea.

Mr. Potts named his place Ohinitaki. Some of the stone was brought from Little Quail Island, some from a quarry on his own land. He lived at the Bay until about 1885, and was always to the fore in doing all he could for Governor's Bay.

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Mr. Dodds built the first house, where Mr. Potts afterwards lived. Then Mr. Thompson bought it and added a brick room. He sold to Mr. Moorhouse. Later Mr. Potts bought it. Successive owners have been Mr. W. Cook, Mr. H. Hall, and the present owner Mr. Pearce.

Mr. C. Parsons bought land in the Bay before he left England, from the Canterbury Association. He built a house, naming it Waitahuna, which is still standing. He was at the Bay at the time of one of the disastrous Bush fires, and told the writer that the smoke was so dense that the only place where they could breathe with any comfort, was close to the ground - the air was clear for a few inches from the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allan (Mr. Robert Allan's parents) after whom Allandale was named, were living at Diamond Harbour, during the time of a great fire at Governor's Bay, and said that the glare was so bright that they could see to read at night by the light of the fire all those miles away. Mrs. Allan travelled to England alone when she was 70 years old.



Mr Potts' House



View from Mr Potts garden.

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Mr. Cowlin, a R. N. Veteran of the Crimean War, worked for two years in connection with the Lyttelton Tunnel, and came to Governor's Bay in 1863. He helped to build four small bridges on the Governor's Bay road then worked for Mr. Potts. A terrible landslip occurred, breaking Mr. Cowlin's house in two. His wife was in the house at the time, and was carried by the force of the slide through an open door into the next room. The house had to be rebuilt on a higher site. Mr. Cowlin was a faithful member of the Church, being Lay Reader and Churchwarden. He passed away at the advanced age of 93, mourned by a large circle of friends, but his widow is with us, ever ready to help in all good works.

Mr. Hodgson came to Allandale in 1851. With him were his Mother and an old Nurse. He lived for many years where Mr. R. Allan is now. His widow is living in Papanui, known and loved by very many, and able to take a keen interest in present events.

Mr. Beechy owned a large part of the Hill above the Governor's Bay road, also land on the east of the road, he sold some to Mr. Tapley.

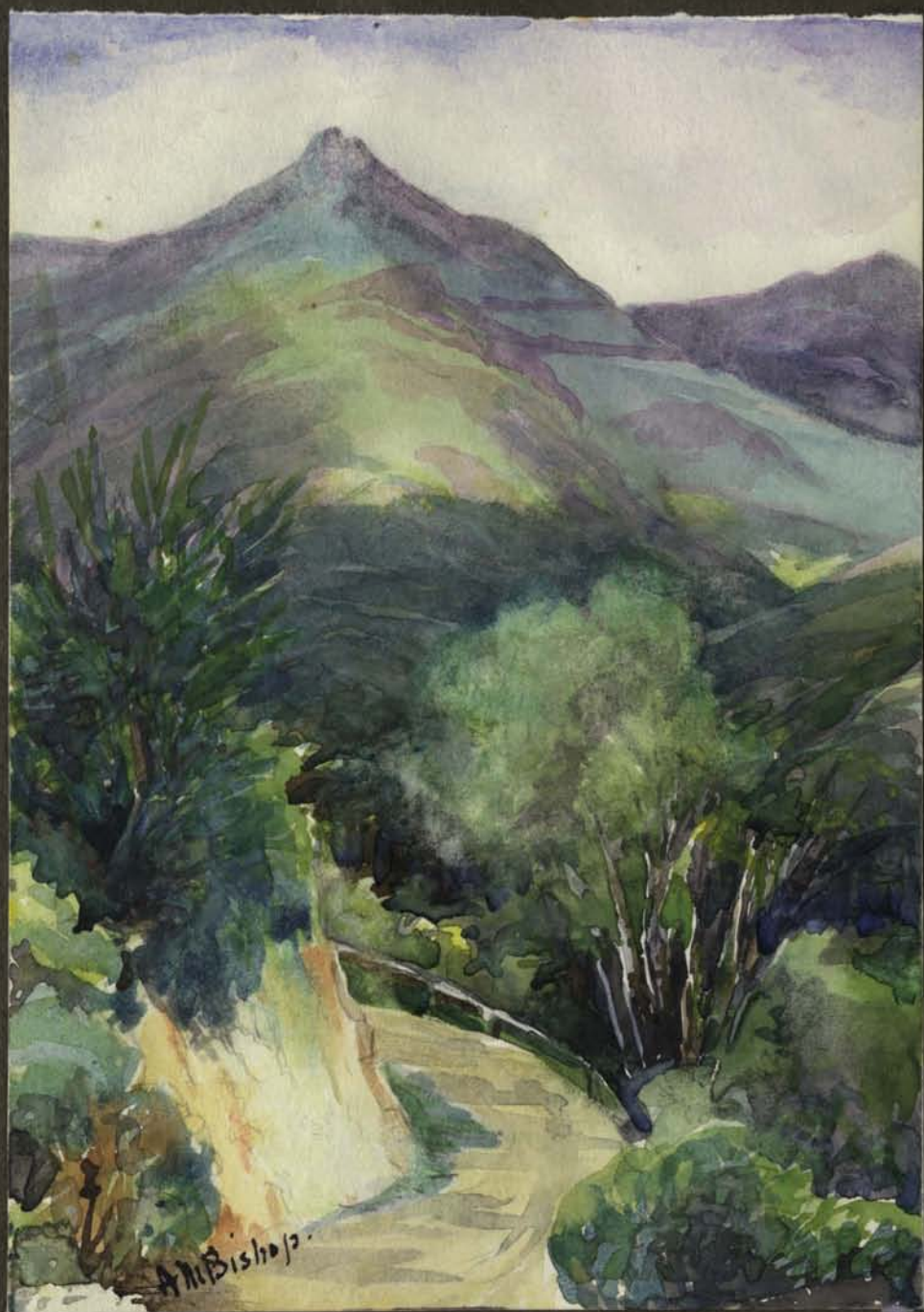
Mr. Clarkson lived on the ridge of hill by the Church. His widow married Mr. Bloor.

Mr. Bloor built a cob house, which still stands behind Mr. Harris' house in Allandale.

Mr. Trounce owned a stone house with gables, up the Hill behind Mr. Gordon Webster's. Some roses and pear trees still mark the site of the ruins. Mr. Trounce worked for Mr. Potts.

Mr. Jennings lived where the Willows are still growing up the Valley behind the Church. The house was originally occupied by the Fitton family.

Mr. and Mrs. Manson and Mr. and Mrs. Gebbie came from Wellington to Canterbury in 1843. After Mr. Manson had built Mr. Rhodes' house at Papanui, and also one for Mr. Deans at Riccarton, he built his own house at Teddington. Manson's point (Maori name Kaitangata) running out between Allandale and Teddington, was named after him. The Kelly gang visited Mrs. Manson at Teddington, when she was alone. She made them welcome, supplying them with food, and they went on their way. Mr. Manson was returning from Purau and narrowly escaped falling into the hands of the gang. Another resident living near lost his life by their hands.



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Mrs. Greig sends us the following items about her uncle Mr. Allen, an old resident of the Bay, who is hale and hearty, though in his 86th year. "Mr. Allen was at a service in a little room in Mr. Potts' paddock before the Church was built. It was conducted by the Rev. F. Knowles of Lyttelton (afterwards Canon Knowles). At a Parish gathering a little later, there was a prize offered for the one who could ride Mrs. Parsons' donkey. It was won by Mr. Wallis who had such long legs that he could double them underneath the donkey!"

During recent years the mode of travelling to the Bay has much improved. We remember the time when the journey for people who had not their own conveyances, was by train to Lyttelton, and thence by horse coach to the Bay. It was a roundabout way, and the time taken by the horses when walking up several steep grades on the way was considerable. From the Hotel, the lower road was taken to Allandale. There were few houses on the upper road, but there were none on the lower road, and this was a cause of dissatisfaction to the residents. A trial was made with motor trips to Lyttelton about the year 1913, but it was found too costly, and the horse coach was again reverted to. Later Mr. Jones inau-

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gured a motor service across the Hill to Christchurch on certain days in the week, and about 1927 Messrs. Harris & Radcliffe took over the business, ^{and} three years ago decided to make the double trip to Christchurch every day. Visitors to the Bay, and also the residents, are well catered for now. The civility and good nature of the drivers are beyond praise. We mention especially Mr. Tom Radcliffe, as he is the one most often on the road.

Some of the proprietors of the Coach were;

Mr. Teape
 Mr. Harris
 Mr. Small (who tried the motor trip to
 Lyttelton)
 Mr. Whitford
 Messrs. Conway and Webster (partners)
 Mr. Jones, who started trips to Christ-
 church while continuing a
 regular service to Lyttelton.

Chiefly owing to improved methods of transit, a number of holiday cottages have been built lately. The pioneers in this respect were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Merton who built their cottage in the old horse-coach days, in one of the most beautiful sites of the Bay, looking right down the Harbour. Mr. and Mrs. Merton spent all their holidays at the Bay, and took the greatest interest in all that concerned the place. Mr. Merton, who was organist and music master at Christ's College, was always ready to help at Services at the Bay, and his help was much appreciated.



*St. Cuthbert's Church
from the glebe.*



View from Rapaki

9.

Mr. Wm. Gray was well known in the district as he was not only postmaster, but County Clerk to the Mt. Herbert County Council for many years. His occupation was that of a landscape gardener, and after being in the employ of the Wemyss family in Scotland migrated to New Zealand and superintended the laying out of the grounds of Mr. T. Potts. The two men contributed in collaboration a number of excellent papers to the Philosophical Institute, at that time a young growing Society.

Mr. Gray was an enthusiastic Botanist and leading scientists recognised him as an authority on native plant life. He was also a player of the violin and though his hands were horny with manual toil, his touch was extremely sensitive. He was a born mechanic and artists whose violins were out of order and refused to "speak" always sent them to "Gray of Governor's Bay" who invariably returned them in good order.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray were consistent Sabbatarians, Mrs. Gray refusing to serve teas on Sundays, as she was in the habit of doing during the week.

Mr. Gray once lived in a house on Dyer's Pass Old Road. Afterwards they lived at the corner opposite Mr. Sage's property, where they had the Post Office for some years. They also baked bread which they sold to neighbours. A fine black beech tree still grows there, planted by Mr. Gray. Later they lived in the house Mr. Dyer built and then they



St. Cathbert's Governor's Bay.
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built the house now owned by Mr. Gellety, their son-in-law, and the Post Office was moved there. A splendid Nikau palm and many fine shrubs are in that garden, and are reminders of the love that Mr. and Mrs. Gray had for their garden.

Mr. Sam. Hall built a stone house on the Lyttelton Road, near the junction of Dyer's Pass Road, which is still standing.

Mrs. Small Senr. tells an amusing story of being sent to buy a sugar-bag of bread from Mrs. Gray, and on the way back to Mrs. Hodgson, with whom she lived, a friend persuaded her to go in for a cup of tea, and the bag of bread was left under a tree. The visit was enjoyable, and lenthened out till it was dark. On going for the bag of bread, it was found that the pigs and turkeys had eaten the whole of the week's supply! No doubt it was a sadder and a wiser girl who arrived home with the empty bag!

Mr. Archibald Small was a well known pioneer, who passed away recently. His daughter, Mrs. Gray still lives in the Bay.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oram built the house now owned by Mr. F. Tapley. It was made of sod inside and wood outside.

Mrs. Grosvenor Miles was one of the first, if not the first organist, playing for the Services in Rev. E. A. Lingard's time. Her daughter, Mrs. Samuel, was born in the Bay, and now lives in Fendalton. She was a cousin of the Potts family and remembers being with them on the beach when a tidal wave occurred in Lyttelton Harbour. The water left the Harbour so that three vessels in the Harbour were left lying on their sides in the mud. Mr. Potts and others were watching and the boys wanted to walk across to Quail Island, but Mr. Potts warned them of danger from returning water, and would not let them go. The water came back in a great wave, washing fish up and strewn them over the paddocks at Allandale.

12.

Mrs. Constable is an old resident of the Bay, who came out in the sailing ship "Taranaki" in 1883. She became house-keeper to the Rev. E. Watts, the Vicar at the Bay, who had recently come from India. Later she moved to Allandale, and married Mr. Constable, a descendant of the famous artist of that name. Mrs. Constable tells of the wedding of Miss Edith Potts to the Rev. R. F. Garbett, how the Church was beautifully decorated with white camellias and maiden-hair fern from the famous fernery in Mr. Potts' garden. The Church was safely locked up after the decorating was done, and next morning the bridegroom walked from the Hotel to the Church in good time for the wedding, but alas! the key of the Church was nowhere to be found! Searchers were dispatched, but with no result. At long last the brothers of the bride managed to force the door open with a poker and the wedding proceeded.

Mr. E. Radcliffe came from Peel, Isle of Man, over 60 years ago, and was at Port Levy until he settled in Allandale, about 40 years ago. He has a wonderful orchard, with up-to-date appliances for spraying etc.

Mr. Harris is also a well-known resident of Allandale, living in a stone house. At the back of their house is a clay house built by Mr. Bloor, still in a fair state of preservation.

13.

Mr. Cockayne Edwards a friend of Mr. Potts, lived opposite the Church where a track now leads down to the Beach. There are still walnut trees there and other trees which he planted. He had had an adventurous life on the West Coast gold diggings.

In a speech delivered at a welcome Home Social to Trooper Alfred Small, on 30th May, 1902, Mr. Edwards said "When I first came to Governor's Bay the Empire was in the throes of the dreadful Indian Mutiny - the Bengal Tiger at the throat of the British Lion." Concluding a speech full of patriotic sentiment he said - "My advice to all in this room and in the whole Empire is to be true to your King and Country, and keep your powder dry." When Mr. Edwards was getting on in years, Mr. Cowlin built him a little house close to his own, that he and Mrs. Cowlin might look after him. That house is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bramley and family lived in the Allan's house before Mr. and Mrs. James Allan lived there.

Mr. Bamford Senr. was bullock driver for Mr. Potts.

14.

Dr. and Mrs. Pairman settled in the Bay in 1907, occupying Mr. Dyer's old house while their own was being built. They named this house 'Moat Knowe' after the old village Moot Hill common among the Druids.

At the close of the War, Dr. Pairman formed an Association for boys who had left school, for the study of Science and languages, called "The Boys' Athenaeum". A number of men now holding responsible positions look back with gratitude to the time spent under these conditions. Dr. Pairman seems to have a special gift, not only for imparting knowledge, but for encouraging others in original research. We have seen a letter from the famous Dr. L. Cockayne in which he credits Dr. Pairman with suggesting to him original botanical research, and for a number of years sympathetically encouraging him in his work.

We quote a few lines from some verses written by Dr. Pairman in connection with the Athenaeum:-

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"Remember to the last
 'Tis always worth your while to view the past!
 For in a country decked with leafy bowers,
 Man first appeared surrounded by the flowers
 Yea! Since that time, where'er his feet have trod,
 Flowers have been born to mark the pilgrim's road,
 And all along the stressed and troubled years,
 Faith's trusting heart hath charmed away his fears.
 This world indeed is beautiful and fair,
 Let each his garden tend with willing care,
 So when the harvest comes to garner seed,
 There may not be within, one noxious weed!"

Mrs. Pairman in 1919 called a meeting of the Women of the District, for the purpose of forming a Club to study subjects interesting to women. She was elected President annually for ten years. The motto of the Club was "Freedom to Serve", and it did a lot of useful work in its time. The meetings were held for a time in Mrs. Pairman's house, but later the Doctor had a hall built. Frequent entertainments were given to the Public, which were greatly helped by the orchestra formed by the Boys' Athenaeum. A monthly service continues to be held in this Hall.

Recently Dr. Pairman presented a site on which to build a Library, and advanced a loan at a nominal interest to carry on the scheme. The loan is now fully paid up.

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Present owners (or occupiers) of houses in Governor's Bay:

(From the North)

Mr. Grieg

Mr. Tom Small

Mr. Wilkins

Mr. F. Small

Mr. Crow

Mrs. Iredale

Mr. Compton

Miss Redfern

Mrs. Paten

Mr. Patchett

Mr. Anderson

Mr. Lancaster

Mr. Tapley

Miss Wheeler

Miss Maynard

Mr. Partridge

Mr. Gellety

Mr. Firmston

Mrs. Constable

Mrs. Tapley

Cholmondeley Home

Mr. Manhire

Mr. Hewitt

Mr. Lisle

Mr. Clark

Mr. H. Crow

Mr. Harland

Mr. Hayward

Mr. Mirams

Mr. Parsons

Miss Dixon

Mr. Carpenter

Mrs. Cowlin

Mrs. Merton

Mr. C. Ring

Miss Stewart

Mr. Law

Mrs. Brown

Mr. Hall

School (Miss Neale)

Dr. Fairman

Canon Parr

Mr. Cholmondeley

Miss Lewis

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Miss Smith

Mrs. Inwood

Mr. Sage

Mr. H. Banks

Mr. Griffen

Mr. G. Webster

Mr. Bell and Mr. Manson

Mrs. Bell

Mr. Pearce

Mr. E. Radcliffe

Allandale:

Mr. Garlick

Miss Allan

Mr. R. Allan

Mr. W. Harris

Mr. R. Harris

Mr. A. Harris

Mr. E. Radcliffe

Mr. D. Bamford

Mr. R. Blair



View from Crow's Nest



Mrs. Constable's House

People present at Governor's Bay
75th Church Anniversary

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Name

Address.

O. J. Gerald (Rev'd)

J. H. Pritchett (Rev'd) 14 Edinburgh St. Kew-eston
Henri Park - Des 245 Montreal St. Ch. Ch

A. M. Bishop Chalmers' House (Madr.)

A. H. H. (Archdeacon) Vicarage, Ashburton.

C. W. J. MacLaver (Rev'd) Vicarage, West Lytleton
M. R. MacLaver

P. G. Milton - (Rev'd) 11 Chapter St. St. Albans

A. B. Nanson (Rev'd) Vicarage, Cust.

Thomas G. Nanson " "

Mr. Constable Governor's Bay

Constable

A. R. Finistoy Governor's Bay.

R. M. Robson Lydenham

L. Brown Governor's Bay.

People present at Governor's Bay
75th Church Anniversary

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Name

Address.

A. M. Muddley	Charteris Bay
Alivia G. Bradley	Charteris Bay
M. Jones	Upper Riccarton
E. Hodgson	Papanui
J. A. Hodgson	Papanui
Mrs. Hodgson	Papanui
Sessie Wagsstaff	Ch Ch
A. Blair	Allandale
J. Wallis	Governors Bay
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Mrs. Harris al King	
Julia M. Bamford	Sprydon
Lizzie H. Pritchett	Riccarton
Mary. E. Radcliffe	Allandale
{ not Jennings }	

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People present at Governor's Bay
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Name	Address
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Mrs C. Manson J. Albani	
D. A. Knowles	Christchurch
Robert Johnson	Albani
A. Allen	Allendale
J. E. Harris	Hororata
H. Parr.	College House & Cherry Croft
J. A. Hodgson	Papanui
L. Davidson	Papanui
Mrs J. Small	Governor's Bay
Mrs W. Garlick	Allendale
Thomas Allen	St. Albans
Mrs F. Small	Governor's Bay
Mr F. Small	Governor's Bay
Mrs A. Brown	Papanui
C. Kay	2 Malcolm Ave Christchurch

People present at Governor's Bay
45th Church Anniversary

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Name	Address
E. Greig (nee Small)	Governor's Bay.
et. T. Small (Mrs)	
Dora Payne (nee Harris).	Hororata,
Mary Pickering (nee Harris)	Hororata.
Herbert Harris.	Hororata.
J. F. Sage (Mrs)	Governor's Bay
D. M. Anshire	Governors Bay.
F. D. Compton	Governor's Bay
C. G. Crow (Mr)	Governors Bay
A. J. Crow (Mrs)	Governors Bay.
Wilda Harris (Miss)	
Caroline Small (Miss)	
J. A. Pearce (Mrs)	Governors Bay.
Claudia Ring (Miss)	Governor's Bay

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People present at Governor's Bay
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Name	Address.
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Decima Hall Grenfell ^{nee Dalton}	15. Kingsley St Sydenham
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J. Decima Grenfell	15, Kingsley St, Sydenham.
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J. Hahn "nie" Robertson	23 Fairfield Av. Addington
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E. A. Steel nee Robertson	55 Cambridge Terrace Ch Ch
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E. C. J. Moore (nie) Robertson	138 Fisher St Beckenham Ch Ch
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John Robertson	20 Chelsea St Ch Ch
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W. A. Gray	Atashua Hailuna
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E. Hodgson (Mrs)	Heathcote Valley
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Eleanor Hodgson (Miss)	Heathcote Valley.
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A. C. Dyer (Mrs)	Broadfield
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E. Mobb (nee Ellen Allan)	
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J. Allan.	Allandale
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H. Brimer	Papanui Ch. Ch.
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A. Moor (Mrs)	Riverview flat Annet
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P. F. Maynard (Miss)	Ch - Ch.
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Name	Address
M McCallum (miss)	245 Filmore St. Christchurch
Mabel G. Slater (m ^{rs})	126 Winkleside St. Merivale Chh.
S. H. Merton (m ^{rs})	35 Cambridge Terrace
J. Hobbs	Payseur Point
Mrs F Hobbs	Lyttelton.
L Neil (miss)	Lyttelton
A. Vayce. (miss)	Lyttelton.
My. L. Lewis (miss)	Lyttelton
G. D. Dennis (miss)	Lyttelton
E. Gilpin (m ^{rs})	Christ Church
Ch. Gilpin (m ^{rs})	Christ Church
J. R. Manhire (m ^{rs})	Governor's Bay
L M Hall. (m ^{rs})	Governor's Bay.
E Harris	Allandale

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Name	Address
Mr. J. K. Griffin	Governors Bay.
Mr. L. E. Ward	Wellington
Nola Radcliffe	Allandale
Joan Blair	Allandale.
Rena Blair	Allandale
Frank E. Brown.	Governors Bay.
Wilford L. Hall	Governors Bay
Phyllis Allan	Allandale
Merle Mobbs (Miss)	Auckland.
Daphne Allan	Allandale.
Mrs M. Fletcher	Avonside
Peggy Allan	Allandale.
Grace A. Neale (Miss)	Governors Bay.
Louis E. Ward.	Wellington
Ethel M. Gjer	Christchurch.
Nancy Cousins.	Cashmere Hills.
Joan Heile (Miss)	Ch. Ch.
Therese C. C. Clarke	Ch. Ch.
Mrs L. Lisle	Governors Bay
Locky Griffin.	Governors Bay.
Orton Mackley	Charteris Bay

People present at Governor's Bay
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Chas E Radcliffe

Allendale

Robert Harris

Julia Wheeler (Miss)

Governor's Bay

Catherine Cowlin
(nee Murphy)

Governor's Bay

M. Teresa Inwood
(nee Purchas)

Cashmere Hills

Henry S Hall

Governors Bay

A. W. Pairman (Mr)

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H. Mobbs (Mr)

G. Webster (Mr)

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J. R. Griffen (Mr)

"

Patty Griffen (Miss)

"

Mr Patchett

"

J. Pearce (Mr)

"

Keith Allan

Allandale

Erie Allan

Allandale

Douglas Allan

Allandale

Ross Allan

Allandale

John Allan

Allandale

Eleanor Allan

Allandale

Harris

Allandale

Threlkoff

Allandale

People present at Governor's Bay
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Name	Address
Betty Blair (6 weeks old)	Allandale
Mrs. T. Norris	Ly. Melton
Miss Rene Norris	Ly. Melton
Mrs. B. Allan	Allandale
M. Parr (miss)	Governors Bay
Reg. Gebbie	Teddington
Jessie Gebbie (miss)	"
Mary Gebbie	"
Mrs. Orton Gebbie	"
Mrs. N. Gebbie	"
N. Blatchford (miss)	"
A. J. Harris	allandale
T. E. Radcliffe	Allandale

ST. CUTHBERT'S, GOVERNOR'S BAY.

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The 75th Anniversary Celebrations took place on February 28th, 1934. (instead of January 30th). The day was gloriously fine, with light easterly wind blowing. The chancel of the Church had been decorated with flowers, chiefly from the gardens of Mr. Carpenter, Miss Wheeler, Miss Allan and Mrs. Dowlin; red, white and pink tints predominating.

ST. CUTHBERT'S. every available

seat. Seven of the Clergy were present - Rev. G. B. I. MacLaren, Archdeacon Petrie, who read the lessons; Rev. G. Pilegaard, who preached; Rev. F. G. Britton, D. Rankin, P. H. Pittman and G. B. Hanson.

GOVERNOR'S BAY.

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The 75th Anniversary Celebrations took place on February 28th, 1935, (instead of January 30th). The day was gloriously fine, with light easterly wind blowing. The chancel of the Church had been decorated with flowers, chiefly from the gardens of Mr. Carpenter, Miss Wheeler, Miss Allan and Mrs. Cowlin; red, white and pink lilies predominating.

A congregation of over one hundred filled every available seat. Seven of the Clergy were present - Rev. C. W. I. MacLaver, Vicar; Archdeacon Petrie, who read the lessons; Rev. O. Fitzgerald, who preached; Rev. F. G. Brittan, D. Rankin, P. H. Pritchett and G. B. Nanson. The Preacher took for his text the words: "Remember the days of old." He said the story of many of us is like the story of characters we remember in our school-days. We are all making history. Our deeds and actions may not be recorded in books for others to read, but they affect and influence the lives of others. . . . Truly it has been said "The living past does not die."

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After the luncheon a social afternoon was spent, afternoon tea was served the children ran races, and gave much amusement with "tugs of war", and so ended a very happy function.

All praise should be given to those who arranged the Celebrations, especially to Mrs. J. Griffen, who acted as Secretary and had worked indefatigably for months taking double work upon her shoulders when Mr. Carpenter was laid aside; also to Mrs. Compton, who arranged all the details of the luncheon, and gave a great deal of thought and work. The charming young girls who waited at table were supervised by Mrs. Manhire and did their work most capably. The luncheon itself was "like a Wedding Feast" as someone said. Members of the Guild worked together to make the whole thing a success, sparing no time or trouble.

The Vestry arranged transport for the visitors and did many of the "hard work jobs." Speeches were made by the Vicar, and the Revd. F. G. Brittan, Mr. R. Allan, Churchwarden, and Mr. Thos. Allen, whose memory carried him back to the days before the Church was built.

People will long remember this day for its happy spirit of fellowship, and the re-union of old friends.



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Governor's Bay.



The name is probably connected with Governor Sir George Grey. He and Lady Grey spent a few days with Mr and Mrs Deans at Riccarton in 1849, and he was at Lyttelton to welcome the Colonists on their arrival on December 16th, 1850. As his vessel was lying at anchor farther up the harbour towards the Bay, the place no doubt took its name from that circumstance.

Before the first four ships arrived there were settlers at the head of the Bay (Teddington)—Messrs

Lyttelton were easier of access than those lying beyond the Port Hills.

The Bay must have been very beautiful at that time, with native bush in all the gullies. Giant trees were there, as can be seen from the one bare trunk which still shows out against the hillside, above the Bay.

Years before, it had been a Maori settlement. We read that Ohinetahi Pa, defended with a palisade



Lyttelton Heads, looking from Governor's Bay.

Manson and Gebbie, having settled there some years earlier. Mr Hodgson, who arrived in Lyttelton in August, 1851, took up land at the end of the Bay (now Allandale), and there were a few other settlers in that part.

Governor's Bay had, relatively, more importance before the Lyttelton tunnel was made, than it has now. Places that could be reached by water from

of split tree trunks, and with ditch and parapet, stood there. After the place had been captured from the Ngati Mamoe by Te Rangi-Whakaputa, his son, Manuwhiri, occupied it with a party of Ngai Tahu. This chief, Manuwhiri, had many sons, but only one daughter, and he named the Pa after his solitary daughter: "Ohinetahi" ("The place of the one daughter"). This name was adopted by the late Mr T. H. Potts for his stone house at Governor's Bay.

Governor's Bay, 1871.

There is little history of the early days at the Bay available. Settlers were too busy working to get their farms in order, their houses built, and their land fenced, to do much writing. We find that a bridle track was finished as far as Dyer's Bay (that part of Governor's Bay north of the wharf) by December, 1856. During that year £180 were spent on the road from Lyttelton to Rapaki. Total on whole road to Gebbie's Flat by June, 1864 was £2,865. A great deal of the work was prison labour, and many contracts were paid for in land.

The sum of £100 was voted for a jetty in 1859, and £100 were spent during 1862.

Before there was a post office, Peter Fox was the mailman from Lyttelton to Gebbie's Valley. He came on horseback, twice a week, delivering mails into letter boxes and collecting letters on the return

journey. He was also a cattle drover on the way back.

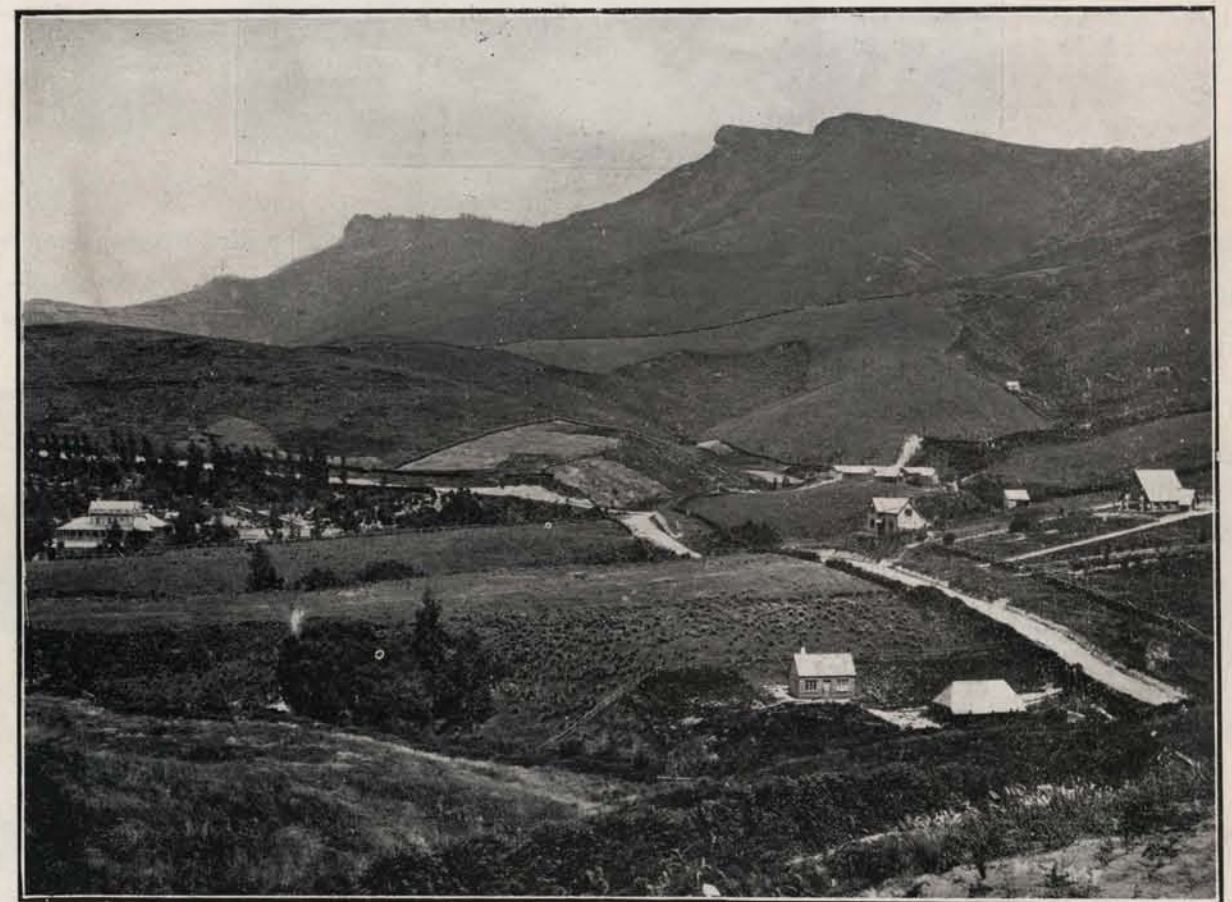
The Governor's Bay Post Office, formerly known as Ohinetahi, was opened in 1867, the name being changed in 1884.

The school was opened in 1868.

There was a blacksmith living opposite to the Church where he had a smithy.

There were three hotels in the Bay at one time, one, the old part of the present hotel, one at the foot of Dyer's Pass, called the Traveller's Rest, and one on Mr. Tapley's land near the beach—this was burned down and never rebuilt.

Names of some of the old settlers in and near Governor's Bay: Manson, Gebbie, Dyer, Parsons, Gray, Beechy, Dodds, Thompson, Moorhouse, Potts, Hodgson, Vigers, Hall, Allan, Small, Oram, Cowlin, Tapley, Clarkson, Bloor, Ashton, Trounce, Jennings, Fitton, Bamford, Pope, Miles, Calvert, McMains, McCreedy, Wallis.



Mr Potts

Vicarage (Rev. B. W. Harvey)

Mr Wallis

Mr Trounce

Blacksmith's Shop

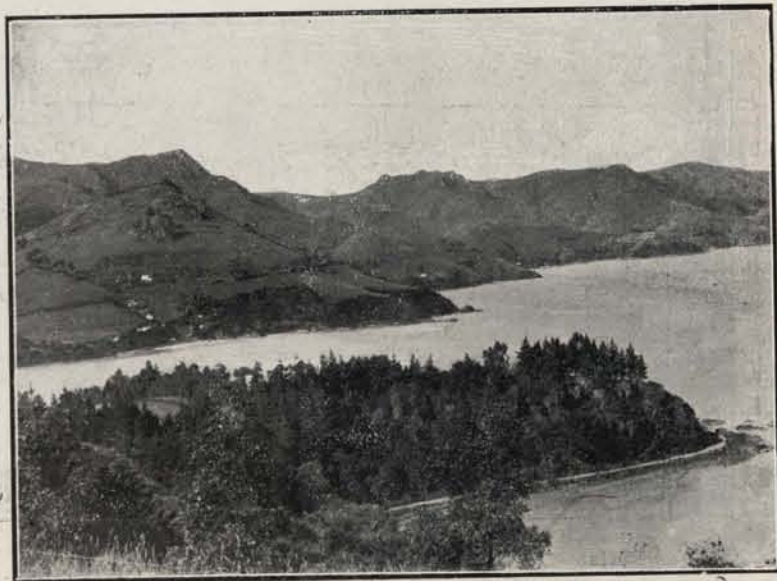
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Cholmondeley Memorial Home



Of outstanding events in recent years we must mention the opening of the Cholmondeley Memorial Home for convalescent children. The land, and the total cost of this splendid building were the gift of Mr. H. Heber Cholmondeley, in memory of his wife. When built, it was handed over to the Committee of the Children's Convalescent Cottage, then at New Brighton. This building was sold, and the children transferred to Governor's Bay. The Home has been of the greatest benefit to many children who needed change of air, and to be nursed back to health. The present Matron, Mrs. Bishop, cares for them most lovingly, and indeed each member of the staff, ever since the Home was opened, has given wonderful help. Special mention must be made of the great service

rendered to the Home by Mrs. Wagstaff, secretary and treasurer since it was built. No words can give any adequate idea of what the Home owes to her whole-hearted support and enthusiasm.



A view of Governor's Bay, showing Cholmondeley Home.

THE CHURCH

We find from early records that Services were held at the Bay as early as 1852, for the first baptism was that of William Samuel Manson, born on January 2, 1852, baptized April 18, 1852, by the Rev. W. W. Willock. The first marriage was that of Reginald Orton Bradley (cousin of the present Mr. O. Bradley), to Jennie Manson, on December 21st, 1865, by the Rev. R. R. Bradley.

The first burial was Robert Munro, March 16, 1867.

In 1869 a burial took place which is worth recording. It was that of Mary Crompton, of Little River. The body was carried on foot by eight men from Little River, a distance of 40 miles, in order that it might be buried in a real cemetery. The inscription has disappeared, but the wooden headstone is otherwise well preserved. We honour the men of those days who went through so much that the body of one whom they loved should rest in the beautiful little cemetery attached to the Church.

By the end of 1854, Parish by-laws had been framed and adopted, and the Parishes formed were: Lyttelton, Governor's Bay, Akaroa, Kaiapoi and Christchurch.

In December, 1855, the Church Property Trustees, with the consent of the Bishop Designate (Rev Thos. Jackson), subdivided some of the Parishes as follows:

Lyttelton, into Lyttelton and Sumner.

Christchurch, into Christchurch, Papanui, Riccarton, Lower Heathcote (Christchurch Quay), Upper Heathcote (now Halswell), Middle

Heathcote being part of the Christchurch Parish.

Clergymen in charge of the above Parishes were: Lyttelton, Rev. B. W. Dudley.

Sumner, Rev. G. Cotterill.

Governor's Bay (with Upper Heathcote), Rev. W. W. Willock.

Papanui and Avonside, Rev. C. Mackie.

Christchurch (with Riccarton and Middle Heathcote), Archdeacon Mathias.

Lower Heathcote, Rev. Jas. Wilson.

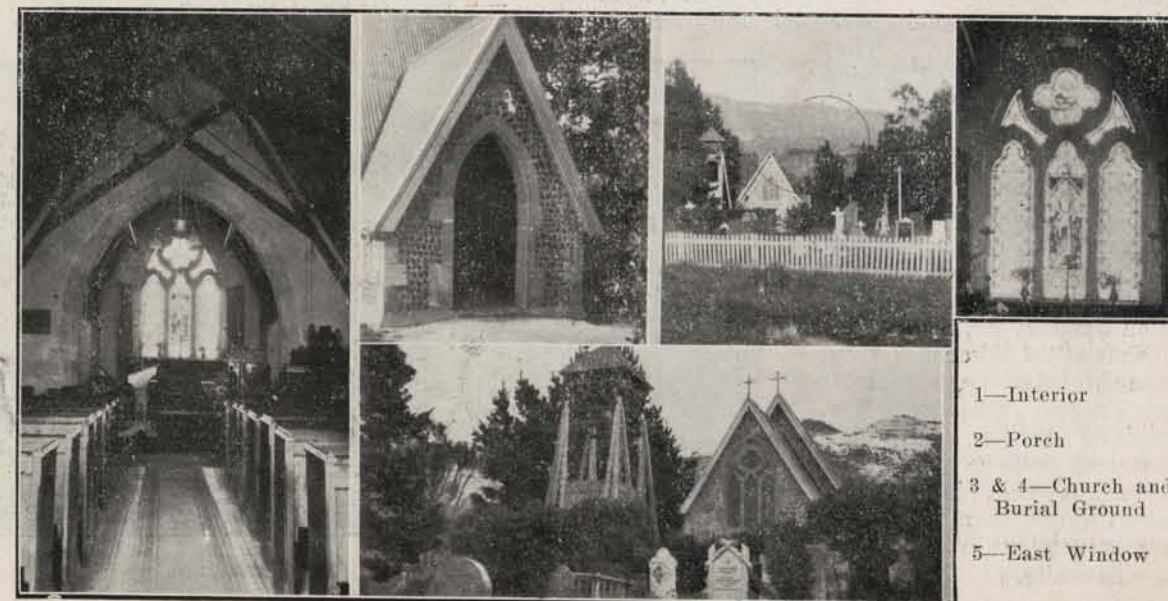
Akaroa, Rev. W. Aylmer.

Kaiapoi, Rev. J. Raven.

In 1859, a re-arrangement of Parochial Districts took place—the Parish of Riccarton was combined with Halswell, and the Incumbent (Rev. C. Bowen) had his hands full ministering to the three places.

An item of interest in connection with the work at that time comes from one who was a small girl in those days. The Rev. C. Bowen took the monthly services at the Bay, stayed a night or two and journeyed on to Little River. He gave the little girl (now Mrs. Lawrence, Snr., of Fendalton, nee Vigers) a Psalm to learn to say to him on his next visit. In this way she learned the whole of the Psalter.

Up till 1860, services were held in a small sod building below the house where Mr. Griffen now lives. The residents were not satisfied with this building and through Mr W. S. Moorhouse, the Provincial Council gave an allotment of five acres for Church and Glebe at Fernbrook, up the hill behind the present site of the Church. Mr. Potts and others thought that site too far from the road, so he exchanged it for five acres of his own land, where the Church now stands.



1—Interior

2—Porch

3 & 4—Church and Burial Ground

5—East Window

T. H. POTTS, M.H.R., 1886



Mr. Potts was chiefly instrumental in arranging for the building of the Church, giving liberally and helping in every way in his power. But mention must be made of the help given by many Scotsmen and their families. They realised the duty of giving freely to any Church with which they were for the time connected, and their help was greatly welcomed.

It must have been a great day for the small community when the foundation stone was laid on January 30, 1860. The Archdeacon of Akaroa (Archdeacon Mathias) was there, Rev. Francis Knowles, Rev. Croasdaile Bowen, Mr Thos Potts and others. Morning Service was held in the temporary Church, then the clergy and others went in procession to the new site.

There was no hurried jerry-building about this Church. Two years it took to build. Some of the stone was brought from the beach, some from Garlick's quarry, drawn, no doubt, by bullocks. The architect was Mr. Mallinson, the builder of the stone part was Mr. Morey, who had built the Lyttelton Church. Mr. Firmston did the woodwork. Many difficulties had to be faced. The turret and two gables gave way owing to wet weather and strong wind. Buttresses had to be added at the east end as well as at the north and south, because the roof caught the winds so much, making the building shake. This was before the chancel was built, as will be seen in the photograph taken about 1871.

There is no record available of the opening day, but it must have been a real joy to those who had worked so hard, and had given unsparingly of their time and money when they saw their beautiful little Church an accomplished fact. The first roof was of shingles, more picturesque than the present corrugated iron one. The thick walls with the deeply inset windows add to the charm, and the porch, with its cobblestone floor reminds one of an English village church.

Lying as it does on the slope of the green hill, with the blue water of the harbour showing through a gap in the hills, one thinks of the words, "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even for ever."

There was still a clerical service only once a month, but all honour must be given to the Lay Readers, who so faithfully carried out their duties, and took all other services.



A View of the Church, 1875.

In 1866, the Rev. C. Bowen was granted leave of absence to go to England for a year. It was evidently at this time that it was found necessary to have a resident vicar in charge of Governor's Bay, as the Rev. E. A. Lingard was appointed in 1866. The boundaries of this Parochial District included Rapaki, Purau, Motukarara and Little River, about 35 miles in width, necessitating a good deal of travelling.



Rev. E. A. Lingard, First Resident Vicar.

Following Rev. E. A. Lingard, the Vicars or Curates in charge of the Parish were (the dates given are the dates of their appointment):

- July 1, 1867—Rev. H. Torlesse.
- January 26, 1870—Rev. B. W. Harvey.
- September 23, 1872—Rev. H. E. East.
- August 15, 1875—Rev. E. R. Otway.
- September 22, 1879—Rev. E. H. Wyatt.
- December 19, 1881—Rev. R. F. Garbett.
- February 5, 1884—Rev. E. Watts.
- July 1, 1884—Rev. W. F. Knowles.
- February 6, 1891—Rev. P. J. Cocks.
- 1892—Rev. J. Sheldon.
- December 15, 1899—Rev. P. N. Pritchett.
- June 9, 1909—Rev. O. Fitzgerald.
- June 1, 1910—Rev. G. W. Christian.

- September 1, 1913—Rev. H. Purchas.
- December 10, 1918—Rev. W. H. Stych.
- November 29, 1920—Rev. G. B. Nanson.
- February 14, 1924—Rev. E. H. Shore.
- 1928—Attached to Lyttelton, under Rev. T. M. Curnow.
- May 7, 1930—Rev. C. W. I. Maclaverty.

The "Church News" of July, 1875, contains the following notice:

"The Parish Church and Burial Ground of Governor's Bay were consecrated on Sunday, 22nd June, 1875, by the Most Rev. the Primate (Bishop Harper) . . . The congregation was a large one, and the Services, which were plain, were heartily taken part in by those present. A stone chancel, 14ft. by 11ft. has just been added to the Church, thereby greatly improving the building within and without. By this addition the Church has been so enlarged as to admit of 40 more sittings. The cost of the work was £210. The Church was dedicated under the name of St. Cuthbert."

The east window is in memory of Rachel Brander Lloyd, only daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann Potts, born 1826, died at Leamington Priors, 1860.

As it is a most unusual thing to see in a stained glass window a Saint carrying a man's head, an explanation may be found of interest (see last page).

Two other stained glass windows were erected in 1907, in memory of Decima Hall and Rachel Cowlin.

The Re-table and two brass vases were given in memory of Thomas Hall, in May, 1900.

The Altar of brass candlesticks were given in memory of Rev. R. R. Bradley and his wife, in December, 1900.

The Communion Service now in use is one of three that were sent out in the first ships to Canterbury. One was presented to Lyttelton, one to Governor's Bay, and the third one (it is thought) to Halkett.

The Belfry was built during the Incumbency of the Rev. P. H. Pritchett, who was mainly instrumental in its erection. It was intended only as a temporary structure, and later there was a scheme for building a stone bell-tower with vestry room underneath, as a memorial to the late Mr. T. H. Potts. Some money was subscribed, and a good deal more promised, when the war commenced. It was considered an inopportune time to continue the matter, so the amounts paid were invested, and the whole scheme left in abeyance.

The work of caring for the building and the churchyard has been mainly voluntary. "Working bees" have been held from time to time, when the grass is cut, the fences trimmed, and much done to keep things in order. Amongst other workers, Mr. Gray, Church Warden for some years, worked to a great extent in the cemetery ground, planting the rare Japanese firs and other shrubs and helping to keep the grounds tidy.

About 1900, the Church and Vicarage needed a

good deal of repairing. The Vicar at the time, Rev. P. H. Pritchett, and others, did a lot of work in putting things in order. The old shingle roof was replaced with iron, walls were treated to prevent rain getting in, a copper cross was made for the east gable of the Church, heavily gilded that it might show from afar. Unfortunately, it has since been painted. The picturesque Vicarage was also put in order, and the many "leaks" stopped.



Rev. H. Torlesse, Rev. H. E. East, Rev. E. R. Otway, Rev. R. F. Garbutt.
Rev. Knowles, Rev. P. J. Cocks, Rev. P. H. Pritchett, Rev. G. W. Christian.
Rev. H. Purchas, Rev. W. H. Styeh, Rev. G. B. Nanson.



THE VICARAGE

Amongst Church workers in the past and present we must mention the organists who gave of their time and their talents to the services of God. The names of some of them are:—

Mrs. Grosvenor Miles.
Miss Potts.
Mrs. Chudleigh.
Miss Hunt.
Mrs. Walter Long.
Mrs. Pairman.
Mrs. Pritchett.
Miss Ismene Christian.
Mrs. H. Purchas.
Mrs. Styeh.
Mrs. Jones.
Miss Wheeler (present organist).

CHURCHWARDENS AND VESTRY.

Mr. W. Carpenter (Vicar's Warden) has held this position for many years, being most faithful in his duties, and interested in all that concerns the Church.

Mr. R. Allan, as People's Warden, also does a very useful work. He and his family have always been keen supporters of the Church.

Members of the present Vestry are: Messrs C. E. Radcliffe, A. E. Radcliffe, H. Hall, H. Banks, F. Pearce, T. Small, J. Griffen.



MR. W. A. CARPENTER
Bishop's Warden



REV. C. MACLAVERY
Vicar



MR. R. ALLAN
Peoples' Warden

The Ladies' Guild.

A very live body of workers is the Ladies' Guild, started by Mrs Curnow, when the district was at-

tached to West Lyttelton. Monthly meetings are held, and an Annual Garden Party, lately enlarged into a Flower Show.

The Guild has provided many needs of the Church and has given generous help elsewhere.



LADIES' GUILD



LADIES' GUILD WITH SISTER NORTH



MRS. CHUDLEIGH (nee Potts)



MR. & MRS COWLIN



GOVERNORS BAY, 1934.

BENEFACTIONS.

The Church has benefitted considerably through a legacy under the will of the late Mrs. Mabel Chudleigh (nee Potts), in which she bequeathed £1000 to be invested for the use of the Church.

Also the late Mr. William Cowlin left 2½ acres of land as an endowment. This land is situated up the hill, behind his own home.

Gifts like these show the keen interest taken in the Church by some of the residents who realised what a help it is to future church officers to have some of the financial burden lightened.

The compiler of this booklet realises an inability to record the history of the past adequately, owing to lack of information. If names have been omitted that should have been mentioned, we crave forgiveness. All through the 75 years since the foundation stone was laid there have been those who have striven to live unselfishly, to help God's work, to make beautiful the place of His sanctuary. Their work is not forgotten by Him who marks the fall of a sparrow and glories in the beauty of the lillies.

The thanks of the congregation are due to Miss Wheeler, who for many years has not only played the organ (no light task in its state of broken bellows!), but has led the singing most capably.



SUNDAY SCHOOL—TEACHERS AND CHILDREN

ST. CUTHBERT.

The Patron Saint of our Church and the subject of the east window is St. Cuthbert, who was born about 635 A.D., and died in 687. His life was spent in good works, actively travelling the country—bringing Christianity into the remote hamlets of Northumbria. He was elected Prior of his monastery at Old Melrose in 661, and later reluctantly consented to be Bishop of Hexham, but after two years he retired to an island off Northumbria, where he died. In the 9th century the monks of Lindisfarne were forced to leave their island home by the Danes, and they laid the head of St. Oswald in the coffin of their patron, St. Cuthbert, and after many

wanderings they reached Durham. In 1104, and again in the last century the tomb of St. Cuthbert was opened, and the head of St. Oswald was seen resting in St. Cuthbert's arms.

St. Oswald was the saintly King of Northumbria who died in battle with the champion of heathenism, and was greatly revered in the North of England.

THANKS.

The Vestry tender grateful thanks to Mrs. F. R. Inwood for her valuable work towards the compilation of this booklet.

