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Three Addresses

Delivered before the
Rotary Club, Christchurch.

by

Rotarian Robert Allan
Charter Member.

Rotarian Andrew Anderson,
Charter Member.

Mr. A. Dudley Dobson, C.E.
Formerly City Surveyor, Christchurch.

FOREWORDS.

by

Vice-President O. T. J. Alpers
Rotarian H. D. Acland.

The following conditions
a more complete description of the study
1941-42, and the survey of the use of
of the five types of the Technology
Program in the early days.

There is also a list of
names of the primary, secondary,
tertiary, and quaternary schools in
the United States of America. It
is the hope that all the schools mentioned
in this paper will be able to
take part in the study of
the Technology Program in the United States of
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These addresses constitute a most valuable contribution to the story that will, one may hope, one day be written of the vic intise of the Canterbury Pilgrims in the early days.

Their's was no colonization scheme of the commercial type, undertaken merely with a view to profit or even with the higher motive of Empire Expansion. It was the expression of an ideal, conceived by some young enthusiasts at the universities, and formulated in the apt phrase - "To transplant to the Antipodes a slice of England out from top to bottom".

Selected on this basis, and inspired by such motives, the Canterbury Pilgrims were a people apart. From the university and public school men among the leaders, to the humblest artisan in the ranks, they stood for all that was best in British character in the Early Victorian Epoch, and the wives, mothers and daughters who accompanied the Pilgrims were worthy mates in such an enterprise.

To preserve a knowledge of their ideals and their characters; every incident in the life of the settlers; their hardships and their courage; their energy and their resourcefulness; the prayers they uttered, and the songs they sang, are of inestimable value to the historian.

The details of their enterprises, the foundation of their institutions - all this may be gathered from the archives. It is interesting to hear how

Coster and Turner founded the Shipping Company; we can read all about that, even to the names and tonnage of the ships, and the initials, if you like, of the boat-swain's mate - all this diligent research will discover to those who think it worth discovering; but how, except from the mouth of a son, could we hear that priceless story of the pioneer John Anderson humping a bar of iron on his shoulder over the trackless Port Hills and along the airy Ferry Road that he might in good time faithfully forge thereout the tongs and fire-irons still to be seen at O'Kain's.

There are still among us - not many it is true - some of the actual "Pilgrims", but many of their sons. Among them may be several with the same happy gift of narrative as is displayed in these addresses.

I can imagine no more useful work for the Rotary Club than to elicit such narratives and to preserve them among its records for future use to the community.

O. T. J. ALPERS.

Christchurch,

Vice-President.

July, 1922.

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.

H. D. Acland.