

Wanganui

Had to go to bed on arrival - suffering greatly from my head.

Saturday 28th Much better this morning, and improved during day. This place is

full of war memorials and early associations, and we bought a guide book, which we found very useful all through the tour. We visited Christ Church, the Rev. J. H. Maclean's

church, and saw a brass tablet to the memory of an English Regiment stationed here formerly. In the grounds were some very old graves, one or two dating back to 1847. One touching tombstone

inscribed to the Jipillan family, four of whom were murdered in April 1847 by Maoris. This name is prominent in early Wanganui history,

for at the Museum were some good pencil sketches ^{representing early scenes.} by a Mr. Jipillan, probably the father of the murdered children whose mother also then perished.

[We went up to the site of the Hutland Stockade, opposite another sandhill where the ~~old~~ York Stockade was situated. During the troublous times of the settlement the Hutland Stockade was manned by two hundred soldiers, and here the settlers fled for refuge when the Maories threatened an incursion.

A massive granite monument surmounted by a lion crown ^{historic} this spot flanked by and erected by the people of Wanganui in 1891. Upon tablets are inscribed the names of 138 soldiers and settlers who fell in action in the neighbourhood.

In the market square, a prettily kept garden with quantities of flowers blooming luxuriously, is a fine statue to Mr. Hallance, simply inscribed, John Hallance, Statesman.

Here also in these Moutoa Gardens is a fine memorial with figure of grief bending with bowed head over the names of the ^{fifteen} loyal Maories recorded on tablets, and who fell on May 14th 1864 in upholding "law and order against fanaticism and barbarism" at Moutoa.

This was erected in 1865 by the Wellington Province when Mr. Featherstone was Superintendent as a token of gratitude to the loyal Maori party, and inscribed in Maori as well as English. [We also went to the Museum which is small as a collection, but has some unique things, such as regimental colours, and an organ brought out by Archdeacon