

Lepperton Taranaki Decr 7th. 1917

S^r William Kendall. Came from England in the Ship Annie Wilson. Which left London For Auckland on May 29th 1863. after a 16 weeks Passage landed at Auckland on, or about Sept 22th. 1863. I been a carpenter, got a job at Mr Hunters, a master Builder in Parnell Mr Hunter at the time had a job on the way building The Bishop Court for George Augustus Selwyn first Bishop of New Zealand, the first job I was set to do was to make some sashes, as Mr Hunter said if a man could make a good sash he could do most things fairly well. and I was all there at that job. then I was sent ~~it~~ over to the Bishop's Court with some of Hunters Apprentice boys, and me and them did most of the work at the Bishops Court, then after I had worked for Mr Hunter for about two years, I left him. I did the carpentering for Bishop Selwyn, till 1867. and at that time Bishop Pateson was going to establish the head quarters of the Melanesian Mission at Norfolk Island. and as they wanted a lot of buildings putting up. Bishop Selwyn told me that he had to go to England. and all work at his place would be stopt till he got back. but if I liked he would send me to Norfolk Island to put up buildings for the Melanesian Mission. so we agreed that I was to go. well I went and after I had been there a while Bishop Pateson asked me if I would agree to stop at the Mission altogether, he told me that him and one of the clergy had talked it over, and what they thought would be a fair wage to give me, and the Bishop asked me if I thought it was enough for

my services, he says if you dont think it enough you have
 only to speak and I'll give you more. I say well my Lord
 I think what you offer me is fair between you and me.
 then he says if you like you can have your wages Paid
 into the Bank in Auckland every three months, so I agreed
 to that Arrangement, then the Bishop says well Kendall
 you can look on yourself as A member of the Mission,
 just A much A Missionary as them wh go to the Islands,
 as long as you do your best to forward the interest of the
 Mission. and I think I really did my best for the Mission, for I worked
 very Hard all the time I was at the Mission. then in 1871 the good
 Bishop Pateson was killed by the natives, at A small Isl and
 called Nukapu, in the Santa Cruz group. then A son of Bishop
 Selwyn's came out as A Missionary, and after about three years he
 was made the second Bishop of Melanesia. and A very good
 man he was, and very kind to every body. in 1886 the Mission gave
 me A holiday to go to England, as I told the bishop I should
 like to see my mother again before she died, as she was about
 80 years old at that time. well then the Bishop says the Mission
 cant pay you more then half wages when you are away on holiday,
 I says leave on holiday is same as been on duty, & he says he only
 half pay then. I says if thats it then I am afraid I cant appear
 to go. so the Bishop says well Kendall the Mission shall pay you
 half wages, and I'll pay the other half out of my Private pocket,
 but his generisity did not stop at that, when I got back
 to Norfolk Island, the Bishop say well Kendall, I cant pay
 you that money I promised you just now but ill pay you

interest on it, I say very good, any time when it suits you will do for me, he kept it about three months, then gave me two sovereigns for interest, I thought more about the interest as an act of generosity than all the other. not one man in A thousand would done that. well I only stopt 4 months in England. as Dr Coddington was the head clergyman next to the Bishop in the Mission, he had A fellowship given him at one of the colleges, if he got to England by A certain time, if not it would be given to some one else, and as Dr Coddington wished me to make the Chapel seats for Bishop Paterson's Memorial Chapel, and he wanted to see them before he left, he asked me to not stop long in England, as he did not want to be too late, I says ill be back on Christmas day. as in them days we had no way of getting to Norfolk Island only when A small boat left Auckland for the Island. strange to say I got to the Island about 10. A. M. on Christmas day. Bishop Schayn had just arrived at the township to take the service for the Norfolk Islanders. he saw me, and its about three miles to the M. M. station, he says take my carriage and drive up, I thanked him, but I say ill not deprive you of your carriage, ill wait till the light trap comes for the Mail, and ill go up in it. not many Bishops would told the Carpenter to took his carriage, and walke himself. he was A most liberal and generous man. so was his father the Bishop of Auckland. Who was the first Bishop of New Zealand, I stopt at the Mission as Carpenter, till the year till the year 1891. had two rooms to live in at the Mission station, got my food at the table with the Bishops,

No 4 and clergy the whole of the time I was at the Mission,
Nearly 28 years, all Bishop Paterson's time, and all Bishop Selwyn's
Time. then after Bishop Selwyn's time, came Bishop Wilson,
and two of the clergy at the Mission, had made up in their minds
to get me of the Island, so they worked the steam with the new
Bishop, till he discharged me, then after that the Bishop came to me
and asked me to stop on as usual. I says what did you discharge
me for. he says I was A new comer and did not understand
things, and had to do as I was told, I says well Bishop I have
here three times as long as them two have been, if I had asked
you to discharged them what would you have done. he says I could
not discharged them, I says why not as well as discharging me, he
says they are more Missionarys, and members of the Mission than you
are. I says excuse me Bishop but you make A mistake, when Bishop
Paterson Engaged me, he told me I was to look on myself as A
member of the Mission, and just as much A Missionary as them
who go to the Islands, as long as I did my best to forward the
interest of the Mission. and I says I have done that, more then they
have. I says well Bishop I've been long enough amongst such A jealous
lot ill leave. then the next day the Bishop come to me and said
I had been A good servant to the Mission, and been there so long,
the members of the Mission would like to make me A present
of something that would be useful, what would I like. I says
I'd like nothing thank you, from people with such feeling
towards me as they have. I found that they would get me
away from the mission. but I was determined they should
not have the satisfaction of getting me of the Island. ^{till I was ready to go.} so I
bought 50 Acres of land of the Governor of N. S. W. who is
also Governor of New, old Island. when the two could

No 5. not get me of the Island, they was in A great way about it and they tried their best to stop me from getting the land. and at that time one of the N. I. community was Magistrate. and when he ^{the Governor} wrote to me that I was to have the land, he also wrote to the Magistrate to that effect, it so happened one of my enemies was A friend of the Magistrate, and had been to the Magistrate's house, and was told the Magistrate had A letter from the Governor. he says to me I suppose you had one as well, didnt you, I says if you look in the xx chapter of the book of Proverbs, and the 3 verse you will find it. that ended our conversation.

I got the land, built myself A house on it, kept bachlars Hall. live in it 14 years, then gave it away, to A friend who had shown me kindness when I was sick. and in 1913. I left the Island after been on it 46 1/2 years went to England in 1914. got there about six weeks before the great war broke out, then I came back to New Zealand. came to Lepperton, bought 1/2 Acre of land, built myself A house on it and here I am. Now before I finish one of the Parsons whose name was Arthur Britan. who had been A Missionary at the M. M. for A many years had to be sent away for inerals with the Black boys. he was most anxious to get me of the Island, knowing I could speak, and understand the Natives Language. and afraid I should find him out.

I have wrote this to save report or trouble after my death. as I cant expect to live much longer as I shall be 82. years old on January 15th. 1918.