

them of being the perpetrators of the evil. It is right that you should welcome Mr. McLean, for he is the one to make or unmake us.

*Rota Te Ripa* : Welcome, Mr. McLean ! Come and see me, the man that is full of ignorance. Welcome ! the man who is full of knowledge and light. Come and see me on this new bright day. The day of darkness has disappeared, the day of ignorance has passed away. [Song expressive of the past—“*E tama tangi kino.*”] Come and see your old friends who have once more taken their place in your love. Come, and let us see each other face to face. In the day of the past, when there was strife between us, I would not see you. I again say welcome to your visitors.

*Kiharoa* (Arawa chief) : Salutations, O Arawa ! [Song.] Yes, friends, talk to our friend Mr. McLean, and to me also, who am of the Arawa. Greeting to you, O Ngaiterangi, and to the people of our island. Greeting, O my elder and my younger brethren ! Why should we quarrel like the shark and the lizard in the fable ? Talk this bright day to your friend. Talk also to me, for I was one of those who bore arms against you, it is true. Let the past be forgotten. [Proverb about old Uenuku Kopako.] My second word to you is, Return to your own lake (Rotorua), and to your old canoe the Arawa. Go and take your places. You must return to your old canoe upon this invitation. Some of our friends have departed. Welcome, Tauaro (lately returned from Wellington). Welcome to the soil. It is here that your elders have their home. You were a prisoner at Wellington—[addressed to Arawa Hau Haus living since the war with the Pirirakau]—it was through my interceding for you that you are now at liberty, not through your own. As it is, now return to your canoe, the Arawa.

*Kiore* : Welcome, the great authority of the island. Welcome to the Europeans who were born in England. Welcome to Mr. Clarke, who was born in New Zealand. Come and see me, the Hau Hau. Come to Tauranga. Come to Waikato, who caused the people of the island to be disunited, my relatives with your guests. Welcome ! It is Mr. McLean's wish that we should be united as one people ; it is good. I went to Mr. Clarke, but he did not say anything. Welcome, the Arawa ! Welcome, Hohepa Tamamutu, though you are from Taupo, still you are an Arawa. I was the propagator of evil, but it did not originate with me. Raukawa, Kihene, and Te Otene were the beginners of the evil.

*Tauaro* (a released prisoner) : Welcome, you who have brought the famous man of the world, the man who is famous for the clearness of his administration. Come and see me, this bad man. I am not the only bad man—there are two. Welcome, Mr. McLean, and those who accompany you. Welcome, you who are appreciated by all ; bring peace and prosperity with you. Peace has now been established on earth. Welcome, all of you.

*Tupara* here addressed his own party : We have now given utterance to our complimentary speeches, and we have seen each other. Now we had better state our grievances.

*Parata* : War is what separated us ; we have now met on friendly terms ; many have departed, but it is useless to lament them, as they cannot be brought to life again. Welcome, Mr. McLean, welcome !

*Tupara* then said : Mr. McLean will now address us Hau Haus.

*Mr. McLean* : Salutations to you, with whom the Pakeha met in arms : we have now met and exchanged compliments. Do not say that the evil originated with us only ; perhaps we were both wrong. The mist has cleared away, the sun is now bright and clear. I have nothing to suggest to you ; it is for you to introduce any subject for discussion. I responded to your invitation, and the bad weather did not deter me from coming to see you. This discussion of ours is a legacy of the war. Let us now turn our attention to fighting with the land, and get as much under cultivation as possible. You remember the old proverb, “The fame of a warrior is short-lived, while that of a man strong to cultivate food is lasting.” Turn your strength to the soil : overcome it, that the women and children may laugh at the sight of plenty. I would suggest that you select some of your number to go to Te Papa, where I shall be very glad to hear what you have to say through chiefs delegated by you for that purpose.

*Henare Potae* : Thanks for your welcome to Ngatiporou. It is because we come as Mr. McLean's guests that you now see us at Tauranga, which is beautifully surrounded by its waters. You yourselves inform me that formerly we were enemies. I was not aware of it. We are come here by your invitation. Hakaraia, we will speak before the threshold of your house, perhaps I will prove the stronger. Do not let us act in accordance with the customs of our ancestors ; but let us seek some new method of administering our affairs, and in future turn our attention to the cultivation of the land, and to the furtherance of those objects that tend to our prosperity. What you say about the evil brought by the Pakeha is correct, for they introduced guns, but you were the cause of it. Thanks for your welcome to us who have now come to visit Tauranga.

*Pene Taka* : Welcome, Ngatiporou ! I did not call you here to instruct me, you followed the Pakeha. Welcome, Hohepa ! Welcome, Te Kani-o-Takirau ! Tuwharetoa was anxious that I should go to Taupo. Come and listen to the words of Mr. McLean. He says we are to cultivate largely. How am I to do so, when I have no land. Yes ! We will cultivate largely ; our plough shall reach from this to Otumoetai. Mr. McLean, you have only to say the word, and I will commence at once. [Song of welcome.] You see what I have done. I have enchanted Mr. McLean and his steamer here.

*Tupara* : This next year my plough will go as far as Otumoetai : it is settled.