



A friendship at Paekakariki, on the west coast of Wellington Province.

Feeding wild birds—which are quickly tamed by kindness—is a heart-warming pleasure. Like the quality of mercy, “it blesseth him that gives and him that takes.”

TREE DAY—AND TREE YEAR.

If the expression “Arbor Day” is replaced by “Tree Day,” probably the public response to the call for planting will be greater than it has ever been. Why use the word “arbor” which is merely the Latin word for tree? It was a thoughtless adoption of an American selection of a foreign word instead of a plain English one.

New Zealanders have been urged to “plant a tree.” Better advice is “grow a tree.” Tree-mindedness must not be for a day, but for the whole year, next year, and the year after, on and on.