

Elegy In Memory of Ngarimu, V.C.



ON Tuesday, March 14, at 8.0 p.m., the NBS String Orchestra and chorus will present an "Elegy to celebrate 'Moana-Nui-A-Kiwa' Ngarimu, V.C." which has been written by Mrs. Dorothy Baddeley, with music by the Rev. F. R. Rawle. It has been arranged for mixed voices and orchestra by Thomas Gray.

Harry Ellwood will conduct the orchestra and Leela Bloy will be leader, with Clement Howe as chorus-master. Here are the words of the "Elegy," by Mrs. Baddeley:

A METEOR streaked across the sky,
and fell in blazing flame,
When the Immortal Torch of Ngarimu
lit up the Maori Name;
He fell, alas! on the Mareth line.
He fell, alas! on the Mareth line.
Alas! Alas! Alas! Alas!
But his Spirit roameth, roameth, but his
Spirit roameth free
And the Saga of his peerless deeds have
reached from sea to sea.
In the whares of Jerusalem there is
mourning and great pride,
For the man they knew and loved so
well, and for the way he died.
There was no need of shriving for him,
for him whose Torch burns on,
The Living Torch of Ngarimu trans-
figures lo's son.
The Bird of War will weary yet, and
fold his sable wings,
And men shall talk of deathless deeds
and of immortal things.
And fearless sons of fearless sires will
hear with glistening eyes
How Ngarimu lives on, lives on in
Death: for Valour never dies.

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McIntyre gave war paintings, and Harry Rountree a comically beautiful drawing. Edgar Stead provided natural history (beautifully illustrated), G. H. Scholefield and Johannes Andersen some Maori history. And so, in all these ways, there was material enough to fill 180 quarto pages, which the booksellers undertook to sell without profit. They will, we are sure, sell every volume, since each at to-day's price is worth at least 25/-. And only an odd contributor in all that company—five or six perhaps in 50—will wonder why, if he is so acceptable in a gift book, he has gathered such a collection of rejection ships in the open market.

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