

## HENRY WILLIAMS

THE LIFE OF HENRY WILLIAMS. By Hugh Carleton. Edited by Sir James Elliott, A. H. and A. W. Reed.

IT was in no impartial mood that Hugh Carleton approached the task of writing the life of his father-in-law, Henry Williams, "a man who was looked up to by his own family with a feeling akin to veneration." With the highly commendable aim of defending an unjustly slandered reputation he protests his case in terms which would carry greater conviction if they were less vehement. Henry Williams is spotlessly white; his enemies are blacker than night. Not many students of New Zealand history to-day would deny to Williams a high and honourable place among the world's great Christian missionaries, but the phrases in which Carleton maintains his immaculacy require some qualification if they are to be accepted as applying to a mortal. As a biography pure and simple Carleton's book has all the faults of an age which demanded heroes of superhuman perfection, but for the period of 1823-67 it is certainly one of this country's most important historical documents, not only for its account of the mission's growth under a remarkable leader, and inevitable clash with other less desirable elements of European immigration, but also for the light it sheds on Maori polity, Maori custom, and the endless wars by which that race was distracted. A large portion of its two volumes, which have neither chapters nor page headings, consists of extracts from the journals of Henry Williams, of letters written by himself and his wife. A considerable amount of its wealth of historical material is dispersed among voluminous footnotes.

But whatever its merits or demerits, the life of Henry Williams has long been out of print, and Sir James Elliott is certainly to be congratulated on making it available to the ordinary reader in condensed and simplified form. Very wisely he has not touched upon the Williams's land claims—an over-emphasised controversy that may well be regarded as closed—but I regret that he has not seen fit to include the early part of Volume II, dealing with the sack of Kororareka and Heke's war, in my opinion the most interesting part of the whole book. As an editor he is regretably unobtrusive in that he makes no attempt at judicial appraisal of the statements of an exuberant partisan. In consequence one is left with a slightly unreal impression of Henry Williams, who was not a long-suffering, much persecuted man, at the mercy of ruthless slanders, but a spirit at once combative

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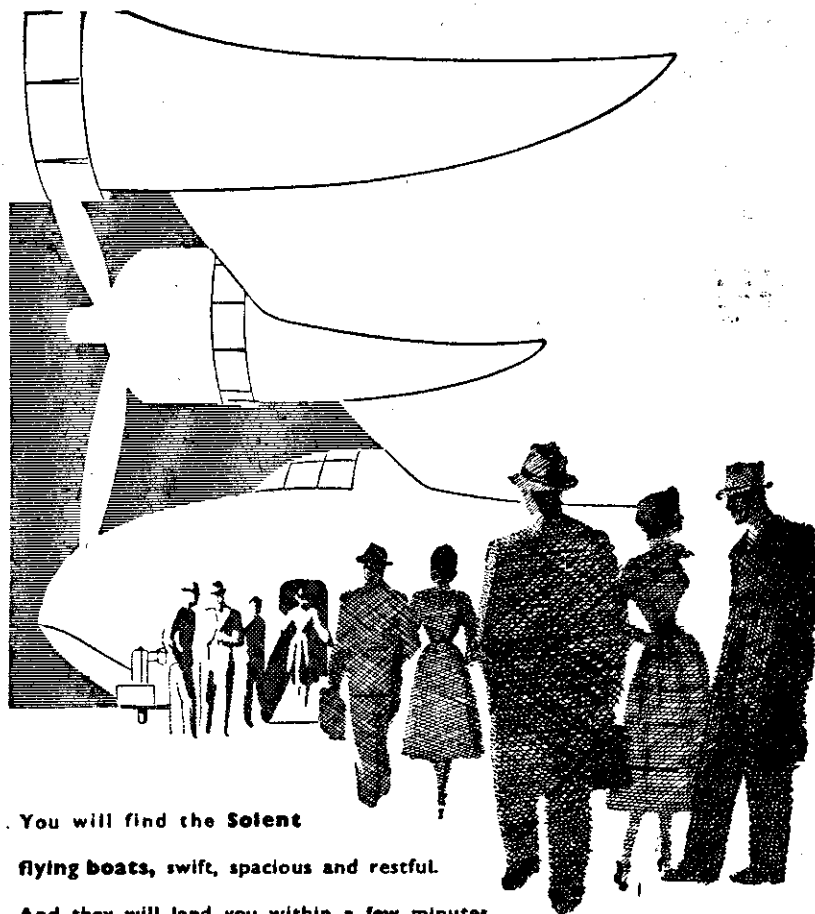
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