

The Aunt Daisy Story

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to the studio. He was a Scot with a purpose:

"Are you Uncle Tom?"

"Yes."

"I'm a Presbyterian."

"Oh, yes, I'm a Methodist myself."

"I'd like you to know," went on the Scot, "that I think a lot o' you. I think you're a fine chap, even if you're a Methodist. I'd like to give ye a donation. I can afford it, y'know. I'd like to give ye something."

"That's very nice of you," said Uncle Tom. "We can always do with a little money. We've a lot of expenses."

"Here y' are, then, Uncle Tom," said the Scot. "I'm verra pleased to be able to do this. Here's hauf-a-croon."

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AUNT DAISY at a Friendly Road meeting held in New Plymouth about 1934 with Uncle Scrim and Mrs Scrimgeour (left) and Mrs Garland and her husband Uncle Tom

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