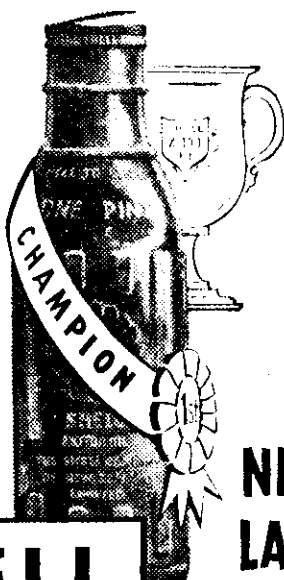


**SHELL
PRODUCE
A
WINNER!**



**SHELL
X-100
MOTOR OIL**

NEW ZEALAND'S LARGEST-SELLING MOTOR OIL

In New Zealand during 1952
more Shell Motor Oil was sold
than any other brand.

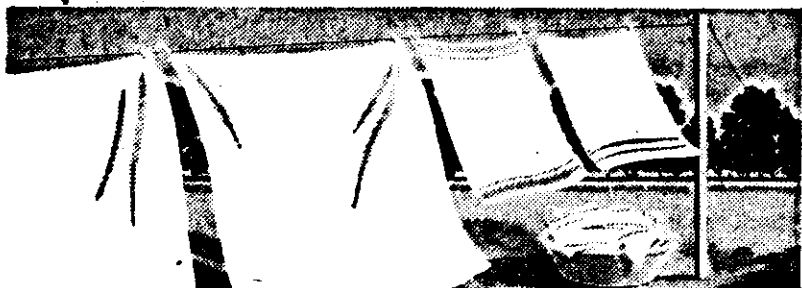
From all over New Zealand comes news
of the success of Shell X-100 Motor
Oil. Motorists in their thousands have
changed to this great acid-neutralising
oil—for constant protection against acid action,
for better performance and longer life from
their cars. Every motor and motor-cycle manu-
facturer in Britain has tested and endorses it.
If you haven't changed, ask your service station
or garage to drain and refill your engine with
the correct grade of Shell X-100 Motor Oil.

**FIGHTS
ACID
ACTION**

Major cause of Engine wear!

**YOUR GARAGE OR SERVICE STATION
WILL TELL YOU WHY**

The Shell Company of New Zealand Limited (Incorporated in England)



**White things
need
Blue**

Just a swish or two of Reckitt's Blue in
the final rinsing water and clothes retain
their dazzling snowy whiteness with never
a sign of dulling or of yellowing. The
whole wash looks bright, fresh and the
purest white.

Reckitt's Blue

BOOKS

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and after. Because of the extremely
human and personal way in which the
Quakers work it probably gives a more
intimate picture of the terrific disloca-
tion of human beings than much already
published on the subject. It does seem
that the best kind of relief work has a
religious foundation, for it is work that
needs great tolerance and patience—
qualities too often lacking in official
organisations.

The amount spent was £720,566—
no real indication of
the extent of what
was done in Great
Britain, France,
Palestine, East
Africa, Gibraltar,
Casablanca and
Italy. The British
Government sympa-
thised to the ex-
tent of contributing
£25,066, even if it
did gaul some active
Quaker relief work-
ers who refused to
go to work on farms
or wherever else
they were ordered.
But the great ad-
vantage with the
Quakers was that
their name stood
high in Europe and
they did not have
to face suspicion
among peoples torn
by resentment and
fear.



"We wondered if you'd change it for
one that likes the television"

—Walter Brookes

HUMOUR

THE TERROR OF ST. TRINIAN'S, by
Timothy Sly and Ronald Searle; Max Par-
rish. English price, 8/6. **MR. KHOURY**,
by John Bingley; Constable. English price,
12/6.

ALMOST any book of humour brings
laughter to one person and boredom
to the next. It is so unpredictable and
individual a matter that a reviewer may
be unwise to say more than whether
he laughed or not. A girls' school should
be funny enough, but in *The Terror*
of St. Trinian's, Timothy Sly's story
seems feeble and crude. Ronald Searle's
illustrations have more strength and
distinction, though cruelly ugly. The
partnership produces a queer blend of
savagery and banality.

From John Bingley's novel, humour
rises like a fragrance. Mr. Khoury, a
Syrian trader in a British island colony
off the coast of Africa, is a memorable
creation. His attempts at circumventing
officials and wartime regulations make
the plot. The delicious entertainment
comes mainly from the author's style,
from his kindly irony, and the way he
keeps merriment simmering at an even
heat. Gentle and not too obvious, it
should be a good choice for anyone
who is bedridden, depressed, travelling,
or who simply wants something to
read.

—D.F.T.

ON THE MAP

THE NEW ZEALAND GUIDE, compiled by
E. S. Dollimore; Wise, 35/-. **REED'S
ATLAS OF NEW ZEALAND**, compiled by
A. W. Reed; A. H. and A. W. Reed; 12/6.

WISE'S successor to their *Index to
Every Place in New Zealand* is a
completely new work of over 900 pages,
following generally the pattern of the
Index, but including also "various ad-
ditional features and improvements."

Among the new material is general in-
formation on climate, history, sport and
the like, and a travel guide. The *Index*
remains, of course, the most important
part of the book—a mountain of facts
of interest to every New Zealander.
Like a man who loves words using a
dictionary, anyone using this book is
likely, if he doesn't keep his wits about
him, to find his search prolonged by the
interesting things he encounters on the
way—useful facts about distances from
this point to that, and the other, fascinat-
ing and surprising historical data,
curiosities—who, for instance, could
even imagine there being more than one

Rangitoto in the
world? It is not sur-
prising in such a big
work that the infor-
mation is not always
accurate, but there
seems little excuse,
for example, for
putting Greymouth
in Westland County.
Some mistakes
might have been
noticed (two ver-
sions of the highest
point on Pitt Island
and of the length of
the Otira Tunnel) if
cross-references had
been properly
worked out. These
would also make the
book a handier tool.

(C) Punch

The information
about the Otira
Tunnel scattered un-
der several headings
is a bad example of lack of co-ordina-
tion. Future editions would be the better
also for a good map. Even with these
faults, however, this is a valuable work
of reference.

Reed's *Atlas* also is a useful work for
New Zealanders. Its main features are
a series of very clear, large-scale maps
showing roads and railways and the prin-
cipal centres of population and geo-
graphical features, and many maps on
special subjects, from the usual temper-
ature and rainfall to hydro-electric
stations and meat export works, air
routes and the Southern Heavens. The
Publicity Division has supplied "A
brief account of New Zealand." An illus-
trated section which is a supplement
to the library edition (there is a school
edition at 7/6) does not really add very
much to its value.

—F.A.J.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THE THREE CHOIRS CITIES, by
Bryan Little; Batsford, English price
9/6. Another well-illustrated volume,
about Worcester, Hereford and Glouces-
ter, in the "British Cities" series.

A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS, by Bever-
ley Nichols; Cape, English price
12/6. A journey "through the lands of
the spirit," in which Mr. Nichols looks
at some of the faiths embraced by the
people of Britain.

BEDS, by Reginald Reynolds; Andre
Deutsch, English price 15/-. An en-
tertaining and amusing collection of in-
formation about beds, "with many note-
worthy instances of lying on, under and
about them."

JAPAN IN WORLD HISTORY, by
Sir George Sansom; Allen and Un-
win, English price 7/6. This book is
based on a series of lectures delivered
in Japan under the auspices of the
Japan Institute of Pacific Relations and
the University of Tokyo.

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