

However, the Glades were not situated as might be expected in the Wairarapa but on what appears to be the Paekakariki Hill. This is the only possible interpretation that can be placed on the described route up the Ngauranga Gorge to Tawa (surprisingly given its modern name of Tawa in 1843) and beyond to the 'Paikakariki mountain very high its awfully difficult to cross with stock but theres the most wonderful view from the top'. (p. 107). In fact the road over the hill was not opened until after Leward had left for California. Further adventures in Australia and participation in both the Crimean War and the Italian campaign of Garibaldi would seem a sufficient prelude to eventual return to England, and the digging up of the family treasure in the old oak chest.

Once the fictional character of the work is accepted, the only remaining exercise is to determine the sources from which the work is derived. The author may have visited New Zealand but the book has very much the character of a compilation from a number of sources which need not be enumerated. The point is that in every test which can be applied it is suspect as a biography. The entry in Hocken's Bibliography (p. 350) is asterisked but there is no entry in either Collier or Davis. A.G.B.

In December 1907 members of staff farewellled informally Mrs Mrs M. Winchester, MA, BUREAU, Assistant Chief Librarian. Mrs Winchester who has given sixteen years of valued service to the Library (until February 1903 as Miss I. M. Park) has been absent on leave since July. Mrs Winchester was Acquisitions Officer from 1900 until 1908 when she transferred to the Reference Section, where in positions of increasing responsibility she worked until her appointment as Assistant Chief Librarian in January 1906. She was Acting Chief Librarian from January until April 1906. All that Mrs Winchester has done in the Library has been at the highest standard. Her Library School Bibliography New Zealand Periodicals of literary interest, subsequently published by the School (1902) was a careful assessment of continuing value and interest. Members will recall her lively and perceptive essay on William and H. G. Swainson in the March 1907 issue of the Record. It