

DEDICATION SERVICE AT RAHOTU

COMMUNION TABLE AND CHAIRS

Extra seating accommodation had to be provided in the Rahotu Methodist Church at the dedication of the Hughson memorial communion table and chairs. The service was conducted by Rev. R. E. Fordyce assisted by Rev. C. M. Roberts (a former minister of the circuit) and Rev. A. Currie (Okato).

Miss Lois Hughson came from New Plymouth to preside at the organ.

During the service, scholars from the Rahotu Methodist Maori Sunday School, under the leadership of Mrs. Conway, sang 'Tama ngakau marie', and Mrs. C. W. Clemance sang "O rest in The Lord." Mr. C. W. Field, B.A., read the lessons. In a sincere and simple address of appreciation Rev. C. M. Roberts dedicated the memorial to the Glory of God and to the memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Hughson senior, who for over 40 years were the mainstays of Methodism in the Rahotu district. The administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper followed the dedication, Rev. C. M. Roberts officiating, being assisted by Rev. R. E. Fordyce and Rev. A. Currie.

After the communion service the Rev. C. M. Roberts, gave a brief address on Sat. Luke 1.6; "They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."

"This passage which refers to Zacharias and Elizabeth," the speaker said, "could be applied very fittingly to the late Mr. and Mrs. Hughson senior, both of whom were devoted Christians. Sometimes neither parent is a Christian, in which case children are brought up in a pagan home. Sometimes only one parent is a Christian, and this unequal yoking of husband and wife often causes trouble. Where both parents are Christians a home is happy, and children are set good examples, and a good influence is exercised in the community."

In addition to members of the family, there were present representatives from the various parts of the circuit. A family re-union was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Raynor, at which in addition to the officiating ministers, Rev. A. M. Niblock and a number of friends were present.

Amongst those present at the service were Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Hughson, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Hughson jnr., Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hughson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Raynor, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dawson, and members of their families. Mrs. I. Dale was absent on account of sickness, and Mrs. Hamilton Dixon and Messrs Geoffrey and Gordon Hughson were prevented by distance from attending.

The Communion table and chairs were made of polished rimu.

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