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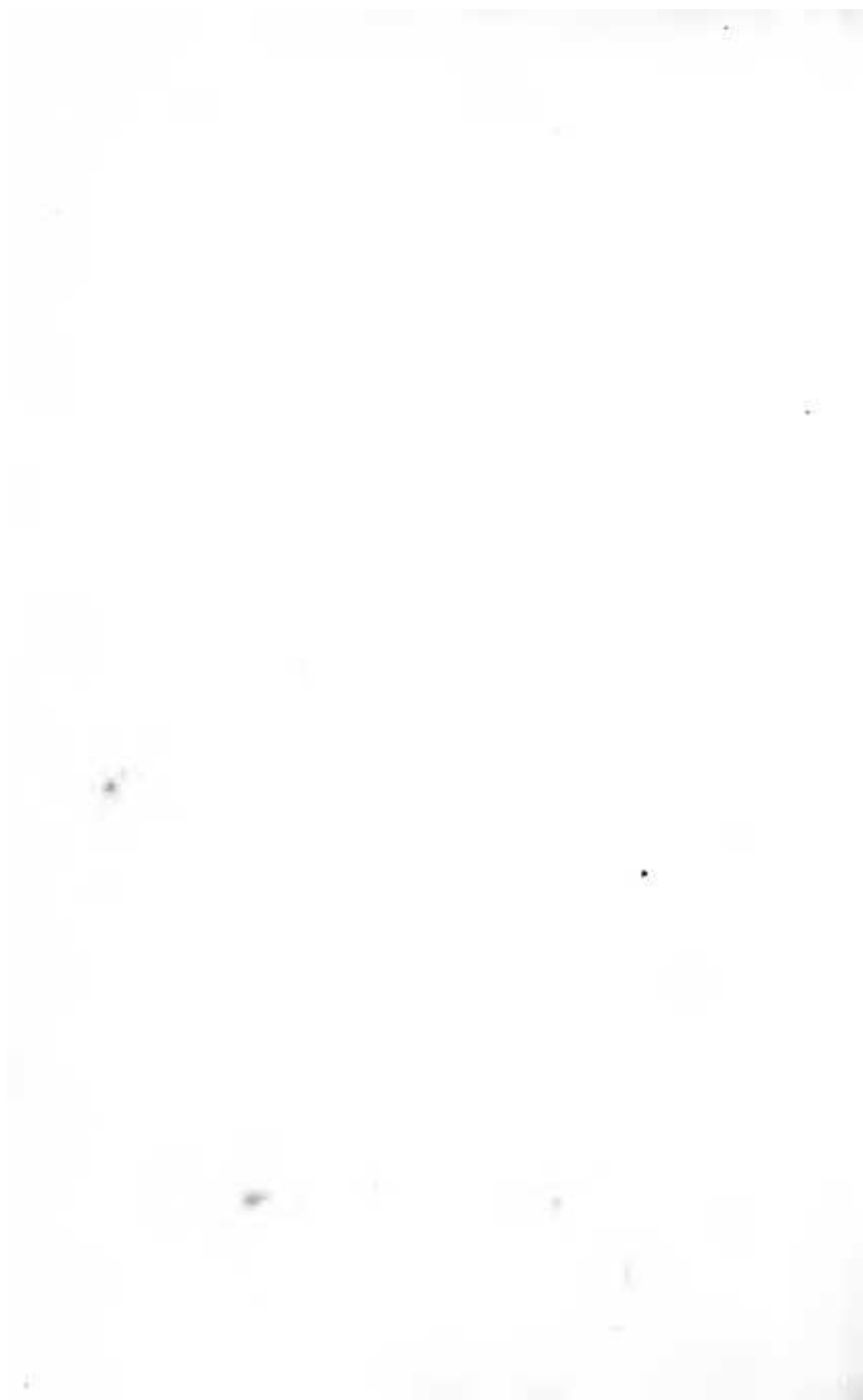
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TO
THE MEMORY OF
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SIR DONALD McLEAN
WHOSE WISE AND BENEFICENT MANAGEMENT
OF NATIVE AFFAIRS
FOR A PERIOD EXTENDING OVER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS
CONDUCTED SO MATERIALLY
TO THE ULTIMATE PACIFICATION OF NEW ZEALAND
THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED
BY
THE AUTHOR

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PREFACE

I HAVE been asked to write a preface to this book. It scarcely needs one. The author wears the New Zealand war medal, honourably won, and he has known the colony and its inhabitants for more than sixty years. He is, therefore, entitled to tell these tales of the early days. As one of the younger generation, I can only say that I have read them with keen interest. In some of them, simple as they are, the writers of a coming generation may find the germ of a great story or a fine epic.

Pakeha and Maori have long since been at peace, and now mount guard together on the outer ramparts, ready, at any time, to spend money and blood in defence of our Empire to which each is proud to belong. We are friends again, and, as Kipling puts it—"when we bring old fights to mind, we will not remember the sin."

"Earth, where we rode to slay or be slain,
Our love shall redeem unto life ;
We will gather and lead to her lips again
The waters of ancient strife,
From far and fiercely guarded streams
And the pools where we lay in wait,
Till the corn cover over our evil dreams
And the young corn our hate."

MALCOLM ROSS

Correspondent of
"The Times"

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