

His Excellency then spoke mainly as follows :—O my friends, chiefs, and people of Ngatituwharetoa, salutations to you all—you in particular, O Poihipi Tukairangi, I salute you, for you have ever been loyal to the Queen and a firm friend to the English ; nor is this the first time you have welcomed me. When I first arrived in New Zealand, four years ago, you wrote me a letter of welcome. That letter, together with other letters from loyal Maori chiefs, was sent to the Queen's Ministers in England, and it was afterwards printed, with other documents respecting this country, for the information of the great Parliament of the Empire at London, so that the name of Poihipi Tukairangi is now spread far and wide. The English naval officer, Lieutenant Meade, who came to Taupo in 1865, and was so hospitably entertained by you here, has also written a book, in which your loyalty and the beauty of your lakes and mountains is celebrated. In the wars and the troubles of the last few years Poihipi has stood firm to the Queen, even as the rocky isle of the Motu Taiko now before us stands firm as ever amid the winds and waves of the great lake. When evil times came on, and the sky was dark and lowering, the friends of law and order took refuge with him, even as a canoe caught by a storm takes refuge under the lee of Motu Taiko. Now the storm is passing away, the sun shines forth again, and the tribes lately disaffected are returning to their allegiance and are following his good example. In a word, the influence of Poihipi (as he himself said just now) has driven away the demons of war and murder, which were devastating this fair land, even as the sea-god, *Horomatangi*, celebrated in the old Maori legends, destroyed the *Taniwhas* (sea monsters) which once infested the shores of Lake Taupo. And now, my friends, I rejoice that you are industrious as you have been brave in war. You were the first to join the Government in the road through your district—those roads which confer such great benefits on all alike—on the Maoris and on the pakehas. I trust you will also join the Government in founding schools, as your countrymen have already done at Pakowhai, Maketu, and elsewhere. Thus your children will grow up in good nurture, educated, and able to cultivate the arts of peace, and live in friendship and harmony with the English. Then the two nations, the white skin and the brown, which inhabit this Island will grow up into one, with common laws and institutions. Oh, my friends, I pray that God, the Giver of all good, may pour his choicest gifts upon you all.

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THE following is the substance of the SPEECHES which were delivered at the KORERO, at TOKANO, April 10th, 1872.

Hare Tauteka : Welcome, O Governor to Taupo. It is with great joy we welcome you. We look upon you as our father, the father of the Maori people. Our number is now but few, but we welcome you with none the less sincerity. You have often shown your love to us during the past few years. We have heard that the Governor would always be our friend, and we have found it so with you. We are rejoiced to welcome you after the troubles we have gone through, and we look to you to keep us from further trouble. (A song of welcome followed.) It gives us much pleasure, it rejoices us to have this opportunity of welcoming you here, so that we may speak to you as our father who takes care of us, and gives counsel and instruction. Taupo is yours, and Tongariro ; they are in your hands. The Ngatituwharetoa, living on the west shore of the Lake, have come in to you. They will require constant attention ; it is only thus you will keep those people right. Do not neglect them. Do not neglect Taupo. Raise us up. The country is yours ; open it up. Governor Grey told us to take care that Taupo was properly managed. He said "keep Taupo together." We are now waiting to hear what this Governor will say.

Kingi Herekiki : Welcome, O Governor, to Taupo. Be steadfast to lead us right. Matuahu has not long surrendered to you. We require constant guidance, for we have just commenced to be wholly in the hands of the Government. Be careful about buying land at Taupo, so that all may hear whose land is bought, so that all get their fair share of the price given. Welcome, O Governor.

Topia Turoa : Welcome, O Governor. I belong to Taupo as well as to Whanganui. Men and land have been the cause of my troubles—Tawhiao and the boundaries of my land. I was a stray sheep that went astray, and more joy was shown on my return than for the ninety and nine that remained in the fold. I look upon Taupo with a jealous eye. I observe all that has been done up to the present time, and it is all good. All that has been done here has tended to raise the people. All has been done for the good of the people.

Waaka Tamaira : Welcome, O Governor, to Taupo. Come and visit Hare Tauteka and Te Heuheu. Welcome. Taupo and Tongariro is yours. Welcome, O friend of the people and the country ; the friend of the people of Taupo.

Hataraka Te Whetu : Welcome, O Governor, to Taupo and Tongariro. You have come a long and toilsome journey to visit us. Welcome to the sea of Taupo. Go and visit your home and other places, but hasten back and visit us again at Taupo.

Aperahama Te Whetu : Welcome, O my father. We have only heard of you before ; now we see you with our eyes. Look around at the land and at the Lake—they are yours. Open up the country ; assist us to make the roads. Look around, and see if you can improve our condition. See what you can do to open up the country. We look to you to give us proper counsel.

Kerei Te Tanguru : Welcome, O Governor. You will see here the result of what has been done of late. Matuahu and others are now with us. Matuahu would have been here if he had known the exact day you were coming. We all see the benefit of this way of treating the people. You have allowed the people of the west shore of the Lake to come in. They are now firmly yours. We hope your thoughts are still for the same way of acting ; if so, all is yours. We thank you for sending assistance to us when troubles came over Taupo. We will not forget your sending help when we needed it. We are all now true to the Government.

His Excellency Sir G. Bowen then addressed the meeting, mainly as follows :—O, my friends, Hare Tauteka, Herekiki, and all of you who have remained staunch during the late troubles.