

and the reserves chosen in addition for the benefit of the Natives. He did increase the particular sections which comprised the cultivations of the Natives, so as to make them include fifty acres besides the part cultivated. But the result was that Mr. Thompson, the Resident Magistrate, was obliged, in order to keep the cultivations of the Natives, to select these sections as Native Reserves, under the New Zealand Company's arrangement, which created a confusion in administering the trust, because the Commissioners found themselves obliged to treat the New Zealand Company's Reserves as land originally belonging to and always retained by the Natives themselves.

With respect to the lands given as an endowment for the school, and what the Natives say they have not been paid for, the grant to the Bishop excludes the greater portion of the lands that were Native cultivations. The reserves belonged to the whole of the Natives concerned with the Nelson settlement, as they represented the tenths of lands in other districts.

The property given to the Church of England, if given solely for religious purposes, is in my opinion far too large and valuable, taking the numbers of the different sects as the basis. I have always opposed the grant made to the Bishop, because I believed it injurious to the Natives, and also because I believed Motueka was not the proper site for the school contemplated by the school. Being in the centre of the Natives, too much jealousy was caused by the Natives feeling others shared the rents or use of properties belonging to the Motueka Natives only. Having always had a desire to see a school properly tried, I have advised a school in Nelson to be under English masters only, and by this I think some few children might be taught annually.

*Motueka and Collingwood Church of England Trusts.*

Letter from the Rev. S. POOLE, M.A., to the SECRETARY to the COMMISSION.

SIR,—

Motueka, 25th February, 1870.

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, I beg to state that my residence is built upon a portion of part of suburban section number 154, containing forty-one acres, in the District of Motueka, in the Province of Nelson. His Lordship the late Bishop of New Zealand obtained it, I believe, by purchase, and conveyed it to trustees appointed by the authority of the General Synod, in the Province of New Zealand. The following are the names of the trustees, viz.: John Wallis Barnicoat, Esquire; Joseph Margetts Pierson, Esquire; John Danforth Greenwood, Esquire; James Townsend Lowe, Esquire. "The trust for the use and benefit of the Diocese of Nelson generally; and in case the present Diocese of Nelson shall at any time hereafter be divided, then upon and for such trusts and purposes, either diocesan or local, as the General Synod may from time to time direct, for the benefit of all or any one or more of the Dioceses into which the present Diocese of Nelson may be divided: Subject to all such rules and regulations as may from time to time be made by, or by authority of, the General Synod concerning the same, and for securing the due execution of the trust and purpose aforesaid; and until such rules and regulations shall be so made concerning the matters aforesaid, subject to all such regulations and rules as may from time to time be made concerning the same by the Standing Commission for the time being."

Ten acres of the above-mentioned land were, in accordance with the provisions of the trust, set apart by the Standing Commission as a glebe for the resident clergyman at Motueka. (*Vide Proceedings of the Standing Commission of the General Synod. Present: The Bishop of New Zealand, Sir W. Martin, Hon. W. Swainson, Rev. J. T. Lloyd. Resolved, That as to the specific appropriation of the land, the Standing Commission have already given their assent.*)

On a portion of the above-mentioned ten acres my house stands.

The local trustees, viz., David Jennings, Esquire, Henry Alexander Tarrant, Esquire, and James Roger Dutton, Esquire, hold a site for a parsonage house, which has not yet been built upon. It is very near to the church, and affords space for the horses and carriages of members of the church who live at a distance.

I trust the above information may be of service to the Commission.

It seems to me that your letter of the 16th instant was written under a misconception, inasmuch as you mention my residence as built upon land containing "2 roods and 10 perches."

In our local trusts Schedule A. speaks of "2 roods and 10 perches" more or less, being part of section 155—Trust for Religious and Charitable purposes; and then "church, parsonage house, and school," of Schedule B. Church, parsonage house, and school relate to Schedule B. that follows, not Schedule A., which relates to a piece of land which Captain Fearon gave for a church and burial-ground, held now by the local body for "religious and charitable purposes," now specifically appropriated as a cemetery for the interment of the dead in accordance with the rite of the United Church of England and Ireland.

I have, &c.,

SAMUEL POOLE, M.A.,

Incumbent of St. Thomas's Church, Motueka.

F. Wakefield, Esq.,

Secretary to the Trust Inquiry Commission.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. WM. GIBBS to Mr. F. WAKEFIELD.

SIR,—

Totoranui, Nelson, 4th March, 1870.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ult., asking information as to the state of certain Church trust lands in Collingwood.

In reply I have to express my regret that I am unable to furnish the information required, for although one of the trustees of some of the trust lands in that place, neither those I and my co-