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### BOOK REVIEWS

BODROGI, TIBOR: *Oceanian Art*. Translated by Andras Deak. Budapest, Corvina, 1959. 41 pp., 170 pl.

160 photographs and ten excellent colour plates make this a lavishly produced introduction to the collections in the Ethnographical Museum in Budapest. These collections are obviously particularly rich in from the Western Pacific and the book presents the wide range of New Guinea art in all the diversity and complexity of its styles. Polynesia, on the other hand, is rather slenderly represented.

*Oceanian Art* can be given a strong recommendation to ethnologists and students of primitive art, for it contains much material that will be new. The special value of the book lies in this function as a catalogue of collected liberal illustrations and effective recording will delight the student thirsting to see a greater range of collected material. It is one of its advantages that it shows a broader cross section of a collection than we see in most recent works on primitive art. There is a danger of losing in judgement if only a few selected pieces are brought to the worker in contact with a museum collection observes and considers a full range of material.

The author introduces the illustrations with a short essay on primitive art from an art historian's viewpoint and includes a summary of the cultural characteristics of each of the regions represented: Melanesia, Micronesia and Indonesia. He adds a useful list of the collectors and their expeditions.

Some of the monochrome plates could perhaps have been improved by stronger lighting but they are in all ways adequate; the square format can be highly recommended for it makes a pleasant volume to handle and enables titles to be printed on the page.

—*OLWYNTURBOTT*

*Christchurch*

KAEHLER, HANS: *Vergleichendes Wörterverzeichnis der SICHULE-Sprache auf der Insel Simalur an der Westküste von Sumatra*. Veröffentlichungen des Seminars für Indonesische und Südseesprachen an der Universität Hamburg. Band I. Berlin, Verlag Dietrich Reimer, 1959. iii, 90 pp., photograv. Price DM 10.

Prof. Hans Kaehler certainly deserves the gratitude of students of Austronesian linguistics for his works on which is viewed by comparative linguistics as a typical 'mixed' Indonesian language. Prof. Kaehler has p

published *Sichule Texts* (Verh. v.h.Kon. Batav. Genootschap v. Kunsten en Wetenschappen, Deel LXXIV, 1940) and *Die Sichule Sprache* (Africa und Uebersee, Beiheft 27, 1955), the latter dealing with the phonetic, syntactic and grammatical structure of the language. Both the *Sichule Sprache* and the *Wörterverzeichnis* follow the scheme of Dempwolff's archetypal Austronesian ("Uraustronesisch"). The comparative material consists chiefly of the principal language of Simalur Island, and Nias, the language spoken on the nearest neighbouring island. Other necessary Sumatran languages including various Batak dialects, Minangkabau and Gayak are consulted occasionally Malay, Mentawai, Enggano

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and especially the languages of Central Celebes to which Nias often shows a close affinity.

Sichule occupies a middle position between Simalur and Nias, often sharing words with only one of the two. The words shared (about 25%) would appear to be derived from a common proto-language and not to be due to borrowing. This middle position is clearly mirrored by the final consonants in Sichule. Simalur employs the same as Nias, conforming here to the pattern of Central Celebes languages, not at all. Sichule retains only -m, -n (also including the Indonesian -l and -r), the velar nasal -ng and rarely -s. Further interesting features of Sichule are the inaudible final plosives -b, -d, -g, in which the mouth adopts the gesture of the sound but no explosion follows.

It is felt that a German-Sichule word-key would have added greatly to the use of the word-list, and a detailed tabulation of the relationship of the Sichule phonetic system, as described in the *Sichule Sprache*, to the archetypal Austronesian. Without close study it is hard to discover:

Sichule *ami* for Arch. Aust. *mamit*; "sweet".

Sichule *ia'a* for Arch. Aust. *kakaŋ*; "older brother, sister".

Sichule *mimixi* for Arch. Austr. *hisop*, (*hit'jp*); "to suck".

But apart from this the author takes every care to connect the Sichule words and their grammatical patterns to the Austronesian, and in doing so makes many cross-references to the Sichule Grammar. Related Sichule forms are indicated in the word-list.

It would be of great value now if Prof. Kaehler could also publish the dictionary and texts of Simalur, which he collected during his stay on the island in 1938, and a final account of Sichule, based upon its wordstore, assessing its historical implications and its position among the Indonesian languages. For example, what does it mean when common Austronesian words like *talinga*, "ear", or widespread Indonesian and Melanesian words like *lulu* "moon", are missing from Sichule? Again, where do the many Sichule words point, for which no Austronesian equivalent is traceable: e.g., *aits* "fire" (South Nias *alito*); *bebi* "skin", "bark"; *me'e* "weep"; *bawa* "moon" "ear" (Simalur *oeu*)? Widely distributed Austronesian words exist for all these concepts.

Furthermore the question might be raised whether certain phonetic features of the languages compared indicate possible alterations to the original Indonesian construction, as accomplished by Dempwolff. As it might serve:

Nias *lulu* "uppermost part of the head" (Kopfende).

Sichule *lulu* "ceiling".

This might point to a possible Original Indonesian: *lulu*, *dulu*, constructed as '*ulu*', "head".

Nias *tandru*, "horn".

Sichule *tandu*, "horn".

As Nias -ndr-, and Sichule -nd- correspond to Orig. Indon. -nd-, at least a second form, *tanduk*, to the corresponding *tanduk* seems feasible.

In conclusion it may be said that vocabularies so thoroughly prepared are the kind of material most necessary for furthering Austronesian linguistic studies.

—MEREIZENSTEIN

Auckland

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The Romantic humanist vision, throughout the history of Europe, has been focused on the ideal of the sin living without fear, jealousy or hate, in harmony with nature. Europe has since the fifteenth century seen corrupted with too much civilization so that in self-critical spasms it has searched the wide world for incorruption—no sooner has it found a source than it has, through a renewal of self-confidence, become incorrupted. It was not all loss, however, for somehow Europe absorbed what it found, enriching its veins and the Pacific in the eighteenth and early nineteenth century became the source of incorruption. The passing few decades saw the symbol destroyed and material corruption in train. It is with this idea that the book is concerned in the main.

Dr. Smith introduces two principal themes—the development of regional landscape painting through topography and the metamorphosis of the Pacific indigent from ‘noble savage’ to ‘ignoble savage’. No literary or artistic work seems to have been missed by Dr. Smith and he produces massive and invaluable documentation for his study. However, his first case is weaker than the second. Perhaps this has been brought about by the actual process of producing the book, for it is based on an earlier article, in the *Warburg and Courtauld Institute Journal*, which has been expanded, sometimes irritatingly through the repetition of previous arguments—viz. On p. 60. The visit to England gave rise to certain satirical poems—the author quotes two couplets from one of these directed both at the Established Church and the Evangelists. On page 105, the author referring to a pamphlet dealing with the Pacific states “. . . It reveals how the conventional figure of the noble savage . . . Could be used for the special purpose of attacking the Methodists and the Established Church.” Dr. Smith commendably provides strong factual evidence for his judgements but it makes tedious reading to have a judgement already proved repeated again with fresh evidence. Nor would one have thought it necessary in a book of this weight to point out to readers that Carl von Linnæus is called Linnaeus. To do it twice (footnotes p. 5, p. 122) is not only annoying but gives the impression, with the noted above, that the book is a series of separate essays joined together.

To return to Dr. Smith's principal themes: the first, that of artists (chiefly those who accompanied the exploratory voyages) who acquired the power of expressing the regional individuality of landscape, through the topographical work which they had to do to fulfil their duties. Although the author provides much evidence convincing enough to opine, as he does, that the Pacific topographers were a major force in the regional landscape painting in Europe. For after all, the topographical instinct was fully exercised in Europe from the seventeenth century—amongst the Dutch landscape painters—in the work of the engraver Wenzel Hollar and his English followers, Francis Place, whose wash drawings of landscape are remarkably sensitive to the local characteristics. Furthermore, the underlying natural philosophy of the Rococo (see Fiske Kimball, *The Creative Rococo*) emphasised the strong romantic interest in natural observation. In addition many of the complex devices and renderings of atmosphere which Dr. Smith points to in support of the Pacific trained artist are evident in Guardi, Canaletto and William Van der Velde. The latter two, both having worked in England, were landscapists Jan Sieberechts influential in fostering the English painters

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who followed them. It is difficult, therefore, to agree with Dr. Smith's evaluation of William Hodges. The accuracy of the latter's painting *The Cape of Good Hope*, where particular insistence is placed on Hodge's friendship with the meteorologist, Wales, to explain the naturalistic treatment of the painting and even the quoting of the meteorological reports of the period spent by *Resolution* at Cape Town to support this point, seems a case of art historical method applied to the business of painting. For Hodges was already interested in light through his master, Richard Wilson. I refer to Wilson as a neo-classicist but Wilson on the authority of an unpublished letter from Sir George Beaumont to the Rev. William Gilpin (6 Dec. 1802) said of his own painting ‘. . . All I know of the matter I have learnt from Richard Wilson and Cuyp, the only two men who could paint Italian sunshine or fine weather.’ He may have used neo-classicist compositions as Hodges did himself, but his main interest is light. I doubt therefore whether the Pacific could provide more than provide exotic subjects and a light intensity such as would interest a painter like Hodges. Even when Dr. Smith is dealing with later painters like Earle and Glover, he confuses the earnest desire for topographical verisimilitude for a reaching towards regional identity—similar artists in New Zealand show the same characteristics. Surely it is the twentieth century which saw the first real identification of artist and landscape in Australia, and one has every sympathy with the author in attempting to establish a longer tradition.

Dr. Smith's second theme of the noble savage becoming ignoble is the more interesting. The first enthusiasm of Cook and his scientists, which helped to form the symbol of the ‘noble savage’, echoes the enthusiasm of Cortez and his men on their entry into Mexico—but Christian morality in both cases c

stomach such a liberality of living and loving and sought to compress it within the confines of Commandments. Not even the Church could convert a 'noble savage', so the symbol was transmogrified literature and the noble image delineated by the early engraved prints was coarsened and distorted so missionaries might more justifiably distribute their texts and 'mother hubbards' in a pagan hell rather than heroic paradise. The missionary societies could not be blamed exclusively for the change in the Pacific in Europe, or rather England, typically regained its confidence and its feeling of superiority.

This central theme is supported by the author's compendious enquiries into the natural sciences of the time; no specialist working on Pacific studies can afford to ignore this book, for the sources unearthed cover a wide range of subjects. A cognate subject also studied by the author is the collection of ethnological artifacts which started long before one would have thought. Initially these were considered as 'curiosities', but though there was also some scorn for barbaric craftsmanship slow progress was made towards granting even the less functional artifacts an aesthetic value. There were suggestions, however, that a proper study of Pacific material might be more fruitful in establishing Northern Europe's own origins rather than that of classical antiquity.

Here one might examine the more important implication of this book, written as it is by an Australian in a period of emergent national consciousness. This national consciousness is married to a regional consciousness based on the Pacific. Scholarship is never motiveless nor is it merely directed to the accumulation of data—and its intellectual activity is more often than not inspired by romantic feeling in the first place. Thus the underlying aim of this book is to establish the roots of a cultural and scientific tradition in

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the Pacific with more than just a glance at the significance of this on present trends in Australasia. It is perhaps an axiom that in a period of nascent nationalism the parent country is seen as an embarrassing creditor—to be repaid with dislike and very often with hostility. This book deals largely then with establishing a debt that Europe owes the Pacific. Debt there certainly is, but cash in hand is not assessed on debts. Translating this metaphor, the cultural and artistic traditions of a country are rooted properly in the period where its true national identity emerges at the foetal period of its development. This may be seen more in Dr. Smith's book than really is there. But the art of painting in Australia is similar to that of New Zealand where, although the topographical period of the nineteenth century was contributory to regional identification it has no real significance within the tradition of national art. Dr. Smith deals extensively with artistic life in Australia up to 1850 with the intention of providing the evidence to support the conclusion stated in the Preface that the origins of typical landscape may be traced to this period. One would expect "regional" to "typical"—but can the origins of regional landscape be found in this period? Surely the artistic traditions which lie behind the quasi-scientific art of topography are not those which propel the regional landscape painter. A serious artist is not diverted in his search for form or image by topographic considerations. Although a topographic artist occasionally produced an intuitive creation, one would be reluctant to consider the topographer as in any way influential on the serious artist; much more is he essential in preparing the spectator, through his selection of natural phenomena, to recognise more quickly the intuitive images of the painter. Nevertheless, this is an important pioneering work which many scholars and interested laymen will use with appreciation. For besides the text and footnotes there is a full bibliography and an excellent collection of illustrations which provide ample pictorial evidence for much that Dr. Smith discusses.

There is little doubt also, that *European Vision and the South Pacific* will become one of the milestones in the history of Pacific attitudes.

—P.A.TOMORY

*Auckland Art Gallery*

PHILLIPPS, W. J.: *Maori Rafter and Taniko Patterns*. Wellington, Harry H. Tombs, 1960. 32 pp., 11 figs. And 11 colour plates and colour inset. Price 8/6.

This new edition of a work originally published in 1943 under the title *Maori Designs* is lifted by its change in format and additional material from the "pamphlet" to the "book" class.

No new material is presented by the author in the first section which deals with rafter patterns. Here he is concerned with the basic units used in the various types of rafter patterns, and follows with examples of typical arrangements of these units to form the well-known traditional patterns. Most of the author's examples have been taken from H. G. Smith's standard work, *Maori Art*.

On page 8 the author presents a series of diagrams to portray the possible development of the *koru* unit (like others as *piitau*) to form the double spiral. This kind of theory gives an open invitation to debate of the “chi egg” type. For whether the scroll unit preceded the spiral, later evolving into double spirals, or whether the spiral form was a basic unit onto which the other was superimposed, is arguable. The evidence presented

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by the patterns depicted is as follows: in some there are no spirals at all; in others, if the scroll is regarded as a rudimentary single spiral, there are only rudimentary single spirals; in plates 3c, 4b and 4c there are double spirals and in plates 3d and 4a there are four-way spirals in which the scrolls give way completely to the doubly doubled spirals.

In the new section on *taaniko* patterns the author follows the same procedure of isolating the basic elements. The units are composed of combinations of straight lines as opposed to the curved lines of rafter patterns. Six examples of *taaniko* patterns, taken from garments held in the Auckland Museum, are portrayed and the use of colour greatly enhances their value.

A criticism of the book is that some of the rafter patterns are far too small for students interested in detail. The more complex patterns could have been double the size so that fine detail would be clearly discernible. With *Maori Art* virtually a closed book to most students, Mr. Phillipps' work will be very much in demand to consult and for this purpose the patterns as presented are not very suitable.

It should also be pointed out that writers using Hamilton's patterns should be careful that they do not perpetuate errors. This perpetuation of errors can be seen especially in plates 2d, 3a and 3b, in which scrolls have not been used to sub-divide the spaces clearly, as is the intention. For instance, in plate 3b (which is a good example of the principle of deceleration in *Maori Art*) had the craftsman's rule been followed, viz., that each scroll must be used in at least two places, the colour areas would have met at a point where a scroll touches another, which would have been the width of a fine brush stroke. The result would be a tidier and more correctly executed pattern.

Apart from these criticisms, it must be said that the author has carried our knowledge of rafter and *taankio* patterns a little further. His book will be welcomed by adult education groups, by artists and by schools, appearing at a time on the rising tide of general interest in Maori art forms.

—SIDMEAD

*Whatawhata School, Hamilton*

FISCHER, HANS: *Schallgeräte in Ozeanien*. Strasbourg, P. H. Heitz, 1958. 180 pp., 487 figs., 29 plates.

In this handbook, the author describes briefly the musical instruments of Oceania. The work is copiously illustrated with 487 line drawings which facilitate the ready identification of any instrument referred to in the text. It makes it clear that the author is concerned with the construction and the technique of playing the instruments, their geographical distribution throughout the area, and finally their function. Fischer points out in his introduction that the book is not only about musical instruments in their broadest sense and so he prefers the term “sound instruments” to include even the simplest forms of musical instruments.

To obtain his subject matter Fischer has combed the voluminous literature of Oceania for references to musical instruments, a fact testified by some thirteen pages of references. Naturally he has leaned heavily on colonial authors, much of the material being published in various anthropological journals. Because of this vast literature covering the wide area covered, most of his material for any instrument in a particular area is relatively brief.

Commencing with wooden clappers he works up through striking clubs, wooden gongs, rattles, the friction drum, jew's harps, drums, musical bows,

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bull-roarers, flutes of various kinds, pan-pipes and finally calabash flutes. All the important instruments and those that may be thought of in any way as sound producing instruments are described. Of this varied assemblage the most restricted instrument is the “friction drum” or “Reibholz” as Fischer terms it, which is known only from Ireland. To fashion this instrument a large solid block of wood is carved very roughly in the form of a rectangular block. A distinctive feature consists of three incisions which penetrate deeply into the block. When finished it may be 10 to 20 cm. To 2 metres in length and 60 cm. in section. With the exception of an example in Göttingen which has

friction drums have only three incisions. Squatting by the instrument the player, whose hands have been with resin, rubs his hands quickly over the incisions, an action which produces three loud, piercing notes comments that the friction drum belongs to a class of instrument whose sound represents a spirit voice uninitiated. It was *tabu* for women and as a result was kept apart from them.

In summarising his findings Fischer highlights the following points: Sound instruments were employed for practical purposes. Under this heading he mentions the transmission of news and communication. Under the heading of transmission of news it is not suggested that language is communicated by the sounds, but rather the employment of certain instruments is associated with known usages and happenings, such as the onset of ceremonies or the imminent death of a relative and its related customs. He refers to what he terms a specific communication, not for attracting people, but for alluring animals. As an example he quotes the calling of Aoba, New Hebrides, by playing a bamboo gong. Loud voices on instruments were used to frighten away or to drive away trouble. Thus young initiates among the Sulka of New Britain seek the help of a companion, who uses a rattle to drive away birds and lizards, whose glance would have a harmful effect on the initiates.

Musical instruments were also used because the players ascribed definable properties and results to them. Fischer distinguishes under this heading two separate groups. Firstly, loud sounds or notes were intended to influence natural or supernatural phenomena. Hence the use of loud sounding instruments such as shell trumpets, gongs and drums in order to dispel angry spirits, to affect solar and lunar eclipses, earthquakes, rain and illness. Secondly, in some instances the use of musical instruments to further courtship, and to affect influence through love-songs. Soft instruments which produced scarcely audible sounds were favoured, such as the musical bow, the jew's harp, the nose flute and pan-pipes.

In certain cases the sound emitted by instruments was sometimes regarded as the voice of a superior being, or a spirit. Such instruments are drums, bull-roarers and flutes.

Another series of instruments he terms sacred instruments. Their significance was derived from the fact that they served to announce some special occasion of great importance. In Oceania gongs, shell trumpets and drums were used for this purpose, all instruments capable of producing loud but clear sounds.

Finally in Oceania as in European culture, instruments were played for the pure enjoyment of tone or melody. This suggests that in Oceania, jew's harps, musical bows, pan-pipes, and long flutes were primarily for the pleasure of the individual player. Here too he includes children's toys such as the whirring leaf and the humming top.

In conclusion he hints that an extended study might well be made, along the pattern of the present work, to cover adjoining areas. Such a study would certainly be welcome.

—V.F.FISHER

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COWAN, JAMES: *The Caltex Book of Maori Lore*. Revised by J. B. Palmer. Wellington, A. H. & A. W. Reed, 1959. 64 pp. illus. Price 4/6

Written in the 1930's for the Texas Company, predecessors of Caltex, James Cowan's short essay on "Maori Lore" remained unpublished until 1959. Newly revised and edited by a recent editor of the *J.P.S.*, Mr. J. B. Palmer, the *Caltex Book of Maori Lore* is a sixty-four page, sweepingly journalistic treatment of the Maori, past and present. To judge from the contents of this book, the term Maori lore embraces customs, history, myths and idiosyncracies of the Maori—in fact, anything of Maori origin. In spite of this the book is a useful introduction to many aspects of Maori life; particularly for school-children, untutored Pakehas and American tourists.

As a journalist of repute, James Cowan specialised in gathering stories of past incidents from Maori informants, concentrating on reminiscences of ancient customs and former battles. His breadth of knowledge on various aspects of Maori culture, his wide range of informants and acquaintances and his fluency in the Maori language were unfortunately dissipated by an absence of scientific method in research and in presentation of data. He concentrated on the colourful, the romantic, the stirring; omitting the ordinary and the mundane. He collected rather than analysed.

*The Caltex Book of Maori Lore* emphasises these shortcomings. Mr. Palmer attempted an almost impossible

his revision and in his attempts to bring the material up-to-date further difficulties were added. Often it is difficult to fathom whether an expressed opinion is Cowan's or the editor's, or whether certain passages refer to 1930 conditions or to the present day.

In conclusion, one might wonder whether the book would have been of greater value if James Cowan's manuscript had been published *in toto* with an extra chapter by the editor introducing new aspects in the present day conditions, new facts and new theories. The book contains six pages of photographs, while the sketches by Denis Turner, almost one per page, are alone worth the modest price of 4s 6d.

—P.W.HOHEPA

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AUSUBEL, DAVID P.: *The Fern and the Tiki. An American View of New Zealand: National Character, Social and Race Relations*. Sydney, Angus & Robertson, 1960. Price 25/-.

## I

Any intelligent and well-meaning criticism of New Zealand attitudes and behaviour is to be welcomed, and Dr. Ausubel took on a formidable job when he thought to storm the fortress of our complacent uneasiness. The formidable is apparent in the unfair newspaper reviews his book has already received.

Dr. Ausubel begins by noting a number of contradictions in the behaviour of New Zealand pakehas, for example the casualness of adult relations in contrast to the strictness in rearing children, the history of bold experimental social legislation in contrast to the timid conformism of opinion on social questions. By observation, by informal and formal, and by the use of personality tests (they are not described but presumably they were used for this special purpose) he set out to investigate these paradoxes. It is not possible to give an adequate summary of his findings, but it is particularly desirable that a small island population

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of predominantly homogeneous ancestry, living in the South Pacific in the 20th century, should consider that if one has reservations about Dr. Ausubel's social philosophy, that the "real battle of life" is "vocational achievement and personal self-fulfilment" (p. 51), the criticisms cannot be ignored.

The national self-image, as Dr. Ausubel sees it, is of a people reserved and modest, easy-going and friendly, and adaptable, forthright but courteous. But in fact and in contrast he found us reserved and introverted, shy with strangers, touchy in our interpersonal relations, contentious on committees, intemperate in the correspondence column, maudlin in Memoriam, prickly under criticism, assertively egalitarian in principle but in practice deferential and secretly resentful towards authority. We are hostile to the intellect; we are lackadaisical in our attitudes towards work, having neither ambition, efficiency, enterprise nor foresight; we reserve our best efforts for sport and for home jobs. Our smugness about our place in the world, about our educational system, our standards of public health and our standard of living are not in fact justified, and, further, it covers a sense of insecurity and a sense of international insignificance of which we prefer not to be reminded and which we conspire to ignore.

Now all of this is true, but much of it has been said before. I find it hard to believe that Dr. Ausubel, whose knowledge of New Zealand habits was so wide, should have been unaware of an essay by R. M. Chapman and another by <sup>1</sup> both of which describe and criticise the behaviour and assumptions of the New Zealand pakeha. He might also have found too, that, less explicitly, some of his criticisms have been anticipated in New Zealand verse and fiction in the past 30 years. If he had consulted this literature he might have been able to use the introspective insights of the social critic to reinforce the insights special to a trained psychologist from a different and more complex society. He might have been able to detect blindspots in the assumptions of the native critics and advanced the criticisms further. He might also have found clues to the discrepancies in national behaviour that could have saved him from some of the more unfortunate errors into which he is led by his assumption that he is first in the field.

It is of course a criticism of pakeha New Zealanders that they could not respond to Dr. Ausubel's challenging questions without a mixture of defensiveness and aggressiveness, often anti-American; but it is unfortunate that the response should generate in a trained psychologist the occasional tone of rancour that spoils Dr. Ausubel's criticism. It has led him too into unnecessary self-justification and advocacy of the superiority of American behaviour.

a tendency to repeat himself: for example there are four occasions on which he mentions, not without rest, that many New Zealanders think of most American schools as blackboard jungles.

In many places his interpretations are hasty and wrong, and it is here that he has laid himself open to the strategies of journalist-reviewers who have simply lifted sentences from their context with little more than an exclamation mark. For example it is not generally true that pakeha New Zealanders think that American and public taste are inferior; it is not unexceptionally true that they are always careful to list their degrees and qualifications (p. 10)—as, to score a cheap point, Dr. Ausubel himself does on his title-page; or that a student in New Zealand

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university has to be over-polite in disagreeing with his professor if he wants to obtain his degree (p. 20); or that he has to “knock timidly on his professor's door” and “wait quietly, cap in hand” and “act the part of humble deference once admitted” (p. 113). Few New Zealand students wear caps and if they did, where else could they wear them but in their hands? Do American students keep theirs on? If Dr. Ausubel is figuratively describing a student's attitude rather than a physical one, then I can only say it is not my experience with students. It seems that Dr. Ausubel's partisan spirit has disabled him from distinguishing between servility and good manners. One might reasonably suspect from his remarks on this point that there *is* a difference between an American university student's attitude towards his teacher and that of a New Zealand student, but Dr. Ausubel has not defined that difference. It would have been his case if he had.

Again, Dr. Ausubel shows confusion on the question of the state and status of New Zealand universities, a confusion which is all the more surprising when one recalls that he was in New Zealand at the time of considerable public debate on the question. It is true, as he says, that university teachers devote more time to teaching than to research; but it is not true that this reflects their “inclination” and “conception of university role” (p. 65). The fact is that this is due to understaffing, and university teachers are very much aware that they should be free to give more time to research.

There are examples of reporting so inaccurate as to be misleading. Commenting on press reports of guest lectures at meetings of professional societies, he says: “Suggestions and hypotheses are misreported as asserted conclusions; and ‘possibly’ and ‘sometimes’ are changed to ‘definitely’ and ‘always’.” If in the second case Dr. Ausubel had added the phrase ‘by implication’, I would have agreed wholeheartedly; but the suggestion is that in press reports of such meetings are not only misleading but cynically doctored; and Dr. Ausubel has not done this by implication but by assertion, been guilty of the very fault of which he accuses the press. In his discussion of secondary school discipline he treats ‘strap’ and ‘cane’ as equivalent. His definition of a bodgie on p. 131 is incorrect and so is his classification of “four main types of rebellious teen-agers” on pp. 133-4. He is infected himself by some of the Mazengarb Committee hysteria when he says that Hamilton, Wanganui and Whakatane are “plagued by bodgieism and larrikinism” (p. 131). There may or may not be an increase in juvenile crime in these towns: from a social scientist one expects language both dispassionate and precise.

Dr. Ausubel traces many of our peculiarities to the authoritarian discipline of the secondary schools, which strikes pupils as arbitrary, tyrannical and unrelated to the standards of conduct they know they can expect to find when they leave school, and so fails completely to develop self-discipline, creating an unwholesome atmosphere of hostility towards adults and the public attitudes they profess but do not observe. He lays so much stress on this that he imputes to it these consequences: “unsigned letters to the press; discourtesy towards those authority figures who currently lack specific power to punish such behaviour; participation in immoderate and personally abusive public debate; extreme contentiousness and unnecessary bickering about trivia in various public and quasi-public places; lack of graciousness in personal and professional relationships; resentful and punitive attitudes towards authority; antagonistic attitudes towards foreigners; competitive automobile driving; brash and swaggering drinking habits; a fondness for rowdy, drunken parties; and anti-intellectualism and indiscriminate egalitarianism” (p. 114).

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extensive that he feels it necessary to correct himself in a footnote explaining that these traits of behaviour (very much a no way question) may be caused by a number of factors.

The single explanation to which his partisan spirit has led him will not suffice, even to explain the current in adolescent hostility to adult institutions and traditions. In every case of delinquency some enquiry into the individual's relations with his parents, attitudes to learning, scholastic and sporting achievements and social



among his peers is more than a little relevant to establishing a cause. Further Dr. Ausubel shows no understanding of the fact that the strict school discipline has to be seen in a historical context of a sudden increase (since 1911 the school leaving age was raised to 15) in secondary school populations, so that, as Phoebe Meikle has recorded, the secondary schools have had only a short experience in dealing with pupils of all ranges of ability, concurrent desperate shortage of teachers, with a consequence of over-size classes.<sup>2</sup>

By implication at least, Dr. Ausubel claims that his case rests on his “particular background and training as a psychologist especially concerned with problems of education, the development of personality, and social relationships” (p. vii). One would reasonably infer a claim to objectivity based on the research methods applied to a sociological investigation. But, as they are presented, Dr. Ausubel's judgements are subjective and impressionistic. This is not to assert that they are not supported with instances or that he has not looked extensively and, where his own predilections are not involved, objectively. It means that it is impossible to provide comprehensive interpretations as Dr. Ausubel does without a bold reliance on intuition. I do not object to the work provided that the work is openly presented as such, and provided that the observer recognises that his intuitions are less reliable than those of the native critic, that his special advantage is not intuition but his personal involvement, and that intuition is most unreliable to an observer who spends only a year in the field and covers a wide field in that year.

One illustration will serve. On p. 75, in a context of a defence of the conduct of American servicemen in New Zealand during the war, Dr. Ausubel writes:

“ . . . I have seen groups of New Zealand sportsmen, not bodgies, assembled in a certain North Island town for a sports meeting, behave very loutishly in public, i.e. push people off the footpaths, torment Chinese merchants, ridicule old Maori women, shout obscene remarks at strangers, and make advances to and fondle women passers-by in the street. Yet most spectators were thoroughly amused and thought this was quite normal behaviour for the occasion.”

I want to subject this statement to some scrutiny. As one who has commented before on the willingness with which pakeha New Zealanders violate the morality they profess,<sup>3</sup> I can accept that every *attitude* repre-

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sented by the behaviour Dr. Ausubel describes is true. Yet I find it hard to envisage the scene without the details whose absence (to my mind) seriously affects the reliability of the description. My first reaction was to ask: what town? what sport? what *particular* sports meeting? Did the “sportsmen” physically shove people off the footpath or did they just stand there so that they had to walk on the road? How did they “torment” the merchants, physically, verbally or by facial or vocal mockery?— and for how long? Was each merchant tormented by *one* sportsman or more than one, and if so, how many? On further reflection I found what I think might be the answer: that it was not the players themselves who indulged in this behaviour, but their supporters, perhaps a whole load of them from another town, come to barrack at an inter-provincial rugby match, holding a Saturday-demonstration behind their mascot; in carnival spirit (and probably away from home) their saturnalia took the form of aggressive and mock-serious persecution of strangers and people of minority cultures—which they thought (and local spectators conniving) would see as no more than good-humoured baiting. If my reconstruction is an alarming symptom of our psychic health (more alarming than the recent Hastings affair) that the institutionalised holiday from our professed moral code should release so much contempt for human dignity; and we need to be told so. But I am not sure that I haven't filled out the picture too much. And my criticisms have still not been answered. Few New Zealand readers will have given Dr. Ausubel's statement the scrutiny it deserves given it, in order to extract the valuable criticism that underlies it. If Dr. Ausubel had been here longer he might have distinguished between players and supporters. If he had provided important details and removed the partisan context, he might have had the effect he so clearly desires—to shock pakeha New Zealanders out of their complacency into critical self-scrutiny. It is a recurring fault of this book that its author spoils his own case.

I began by thinking that these objections were minor; that it was more important to consider Dr. Ausubel's criticisms and to count his misjudgements as marginal, but now I think that they are consequent on his haste. He has been too quick off the press. A year was long enough to observe the paradoxes in the behaviour of the New Zealander and to describe his real image as distinct from his self-image; but the time that passed between his work and publication was not long enough for Dr. Ausubel to do more than organise his material and produce a number of general findings partly based on improvised intuition. What is missing is the more profound effort that would have followed up his intuitions and tested them against further data from the field. Dr. Ausubel needed to stay longer in New Zealand if his criticisms were to have that kind of percipience and aptness.

incontrovertible. If, after testing his guesses against further evidence, he had explored them further, or revised or both, he might have found deeper explanations than he provides. As he leaves us, the paradoxes—undeniable—are not satisfactorily explained. In the last analysis the most valuable part of this section of the list of discrepancies, and its value for the sociologist is that it points general directions where some careful objective research might be done. In fact, it is arguable that future visiting research psychologists and sociologists find more formidable material in New Zealand pakehas than in the compatriots whom they more frequently study.

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## II

By far the best section of the book is the two chapters on race relations. Here Dr. Ausubel has been more fortunate in his informants, both Maoris with their traditional courtesy, and pakehas, since there are few subjects on whom New Zealand pakeha is so willing to pronounce, often without knowledge, as what he probably calls “the race problem”. Dr. Ausubel conducted extended and informal interviews with “hundreds of Maoris and pakehas on their walks of life and in a large variety of North Island districts” (p. 152). He does not claim that his findings are representative (pp. 152, 171) or that he can determine the proportions of some of the expressed attitudes among the Maori. Nevertheless, he has presented a wide (and probably complete) range of such attitudes, and most New Zealand readers will have met some of them in their own experience. I can confirm, from experience covering several hundred houses and flats in Parnell with the recent petition against the exclusion of Maoris from selection for the South African touring team, that most of these attitudes are current, and that a common pakeha attitude is one of confused patronising goodwill that is fundamentally hostile to attempts by Maoris to order their own lives. Besides this, Dr. Ausubel presents, what is unusual in discussions of race relations in New Zealand, a range of attitudes to the pakeha and Maori reactions to pakeha prejudice. For a brief popular survey of current attitudes to the Maori and current Maori attitudes to the pakeha, these 67 pages are both valuable and unique.

Dr. Ausubel admits that the racial situation is, in relation to that of some other countries, reasonably good (p. 211); he complains, however, that the situation is not nearly so good as most pakehas like to believe, and its worst feature is “the national self-delusion which blocks recognition of the existence of a problem” (p. 156). He is surprised at the frequency of frankly anti-Maori sentiments; he soon could define the outline of a common stereotype of the Maori as lazy, shiftless, unreliable, improvident, happy-go-lucky, with such concomitants as living off social security and family benefits, being sexually promiscuous and frequently drunk. Behind patronising attitudes he found a deep-seated belief in Maori inferiority, a belief partly reflected in ignorance of and indifference to the history and traditions of local Maoris, and more seriously reflected in unwillingness to understand current problems the Maori people are facing. Many pakehas are willing to treat Maoris as equals only if they conform to European values and standards, while other pakehas may deride attempts to act otherwise than they are expected to. Many pakehas, too, are unable to distinguish between enforced segregation of a minority and segregation that is desired by them: thus, some pakehas, in the name of abstract equality will advocate the abolition of the four Maori seats and the Maori schools at the same time, while others are complacent about the exclusion of Maoris from the more desirable suburbs. For most pakehas in New Zealand means assimilation and they dislike any perpetuation of distinctively Maori values and traditions since it offers a barrier to their desire for complete conformity. Dr. Ausubel is right to point out that a nation that boasts of being a modern state should be ashamed of the standards of health and sanitation that exist in some rural Maori communities. Besides this critical survey of the attitudes of a majority to a minority, Dr. Ausubel recognises the existence of a small number of pakehas who live and work unselfishly among Maoris, speaking their language, knowing their customs and traditions, and working *with* them for their advancement. Turning to the attitudes of the Maori, Dr. Ausubel presents a range of attitudes, from

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shyness and suspicion through a relatively benign hostility and some surviving bitterness over confiscation and sullenness in reaction to pakeha prejudice. He also discusses the attitudes of Maoris to themselves, attitudes to pakehas in the context of pakeha prejudice: feelings of inferiority and self-contempt, as well as an increasing attitude of defiance in being Maori.

Since Dr. Ausubel does not generalise too freely, and recognises that Maori attitudes vary from district to district, it is difficult to fault this section of the book. Nevertheless, there are a number of minor criticisms I should like

There is a difference in degree between the two expressions Dr. Ausubel cites on p. 161: "Maori physical and "The only good Maori is a dead Maori". The second I cannot claim to have heard, not in those words the attitude, as I will show later, I have met, though I suspect it is very infrequent. The first implies a pakeha superiority, but it is (in my experience) said as often in good nature as in contempt. An Auckland Maori (himself a lecturer, and one who, for various reasons, I cannot suspect of telling me what he thinks I would told) has told me he has had no experience of what Dr. Ausubel on p. 179 calls "'the silent treatment' from students, and being responded to as if they were simple-minded or incapable of understanding English". Again, Dr. Ausubel is right to say on p. 159: "If skin colour had no significance in this country, half-castes would be as half-caste Europeans just as frequently as they are regarded as half-caste Maoris", it nevertheless makes a difference that most half- and quarter-castes prefer to regard themselves as Maoris and associate with Maori according to Dr. Ausubel on p. 182, marry Maoris), and that even eighth-castes frequently boast of their ancestry. If there were any serious social penalty, they would not do so. It would have helped Dr. Ausubel's case had he realised that the extra post-primary and university bursaries he mentions on p. 190 are not "special payments" but come from Maori money administered by the Maori Purposes Trust Fund Board. I feel too that Dr. Ausubel himself has accepted too readily some of the components of the pakeha stereotype of the Maori on p. 186, especially "greater incidence of alcoholism, delinquency and premarital sex relations, non-payment of rates; failure to use their land adequately", which he accepts as "factually true in part" and extenuates rather too easily in terms of "acculturational difficulties". Even to state these half-truths in these terms is to falsify the situations that have their currency among pakehas, and to explain them away so loosely is to ignore the real and complex social and economic factors that have produced them: uneconomic land holdings, for example, cannot be fairly attributed however much forgiveness, to Maori "failure". I would be interested too, though I have no reason to question in the source of the figures on which Dr. Ausubel bases his assertion (p. 182, note) that the incidence of pakeha marriages has been decreasing over the past generation.

This part of the book should be read and considered by every New Zealander who believes or professes to believe that racial equality is one of the fundamental premisses of the New Zealand social code. Dr. Ausubel's prediction that "as long as New Zealanders persist in deluding themselves that all is well in the sphere of race relations, the only realistic prospect for the future is the emergence of a brown proletariat segregated in the slums and living in a state of chronic tension with their white neighbours". The prediction may strike as far fetched but, since we have been warned, we have only ourselves to blame if it should turn out to be true. This forecast of the future of race relations in New Zealand, in the

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light of extrapolations of Maori population trends, has been hinted at in Dr. Borrie's statement that in a situation of increasing occupational and residential contiguity between Maori and pakeha, "the maintenance of cultural and social segregation has explosive possibilities".<sup>4</sup> The warning has generally been treated lightly in the Round Table discussions at the Regional Conferences of Young Maori Leaders in the Auckland Province in 1960, where the common opinion has been that the prejudice from which racial tension might develop can be removed by education leading to mutual understanding.<sup>5</sup> It is possible that this view is naïve and over-optimistic. It is, in any case, a determined effort of patience and understanding, especially on the pakeha side, is needed for the remainder of the century, if Dr. Ausubel's prediction is to be forfended.

I should like to add a caution of my own. During my canvassing, I ran into an anti-Maori attitude more extreme than I should have thought possible. The speaker was a youth of about 20 who had been in Borstal for some criminal property. He said he would like to see Maoris exterminated, "just like Hitler tried to do with the Jews". He admitted his hatred was very deep and that it was based on his association with Maori youths in Borstal and that it was commonly shared by other pakeha inmates. It seemed that what he objected to was Maori cliquishness and that attitude was a reaction to an attitude which was itself probably a reaction to earlier pakeha prejudice. It is possible of course that the antipathy between the two groups reflects a difference in the psychological tensions or pressures that motivated their crimes. Nevertheless, since the racial ratio in Borstal is probably different from that outside and nearer to what may hold in the cities in the future, I think some research into the aetiology of racial tension in Borstal would be very valuable.

Dr. Ausubel's book then contains both a criticism of New Zealand pakeha attitudes, which needs sifting of prejudices and hasty conclusions, and a survey of race relations that is valuable and unique. In his Preface he promises another volume on "Maori national character" and "the historical forces and current social factors in its development, particularly among youth". It is to be hoped that it is more carefully thought than his section on pakeha national character, and more in the spirit of his section on race relations. One can be sure that it will

be more friendly in its approach than his section on pakehas, but it could be harmful and misleading if it is and reckless.

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WILLIAMS, HERBERT W.: *A Dictionary of the Maori Language*. 6th Edition, revised and augmented under the auspices of the Polynesian Society. Wellington, R. E. Owen, Government Printer, 1957. xxv, 499 pp. Price N.Z.

Unprecedented in the Pacific is a dictionary going through six editions. Unprecedented, too, is a single family in the Pacific area which for

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three generations has made important linguistic contributions. Dates of the previous editions of the Maori Dictionary are 1844, 1852, 1871, 1892, 1917 (with reprintings in 1921 and 1932), and now in 1957 the first one without a member of the Williams' family as compiler. Each successive edition is said to show an increase in the number of entries, and according to my estimates the 17,500 entries in the fifth edition have been increased to some 19,000 in the sixth. These additions are largely the names of flora and fauna, and many of the 1917 scientific names have been updated to date. The typography in the new edition has been greatly improved by indentation of derived forms, thus facilitating the search for words.

The arrangement of the Dictionary was set in 1871 in the third edition, and the same arrangement has been maintained in the later editions. Thus a 1960 reviewer is discussing what is actually an 1871 format. In 89 years a great deal has been learned about linguistics including lexicography, as well as about Polynesian languages. The reviewer is in a somewhat embarrassing position. Is it fair to discuss an 1871 presentation from a 1960 vantage point? Or, if it is to be a purely historical study, especially since none of the earlier editions have been reviewed in this *Journal*, a review would have been largely laudatory. I have chosen, however, the less ingratiating task of expressing a contemporary view point in the hope that the remarks will be of interest to future lexicographers and that they will be viewed as indicative of fruitful directions for their efforts.

This discussion to follow will be under these headings: sememes and allosemes, emancipation, derivation, and completeness, definitions, completeness.

### *Sememes and Allosemes*

These terms are useful in discussion of lexicography. They theoretically form a parallel to the series *allophone* and *morpheme: allomorph*. The meaning of a linguistic form may be called a *sememe*. Slight variations in meaning may be called the *allosemes* of the sememe. Symbolic and figurative meanings (connotations) as well as meanings of idioms are usually considered allosemes.

The plan of the Williams' Dictionary must have been that sememes of homophonous forms were to be preceded by Roman numerals, and that allosemic variations of sememes were to be preceded by Arabic figures. This arrangement seems admirable but instead there is a plethora of Arabic numerals and a paucity of Roman numerals.

For example, *kakawa* 1, 2, and 3 are defined as "harsh", "perspiration", and "perspire". The three are equidistant. Would it not have been more economical and correct to list "perspire, perspiration" as (I) and "harshness" as (II)? Perhaps harshness begets perspiration, but the two do not seem semantically close enough to be considered allosemes of a single sememe.

Similarly *h h* is followed by five entries introduced by Arabic numerals, with meanings "savory, pleasant", "desolate, deserted"; "leaning, inclined"; "catch the breath, breathe with difficulty"; "warn off by shouting". It is not such disparate meanings (except possibly the last two) to be introduced by Roman numerals as indicating a close semantic relationship?

Homonyms abound in languages with as few phonemes as Polynesian languages. They, the bane of student lexicographers, should be separated by respectable hiatus one from another and from forms the meanings of which appear to be connected.

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## Emancipation

One of the pleasant things to say about a Pacific dictionary is that it is emancipated. By emancipated is meant not confined to an Indo-European strait jacket and not disfigured by puristic bias. Is the Maori D emancipated?

An answer to this question demands consideration of grammar. A definitive grammar of a Polynesian language to be published and so there is no definitive model. It seems clear that 'words' in Polynesian cannot be classed as nouns, verbs, adjectives, or adverbs *per se*. We cannot say that a cited word belongs to one or the other of these categories, but perhaps we can reserve these terms for syntactic subclasses. To over simplify, a word is a "verb" when used with certain particles (or nothing); "adjectives" and "adverbs" are words that follow "no particles" respectively. Many Maori words are more eclectic than English *faith* and *hope* and may function syntactically as each of the four syntactic subclasses. We read on page xxi of the Introduction to the Dictionary, for example, a derivative of the word "window" (*matapihi* and *-tia* plus *mai*) may mean "let it be passed here through the window", and that a derivative of "old" (*koroua* and *-tia*) may mean "become an old man". Neither of these interesting examples of flexibility is recorded in the lexicon, in which words are classed as "noun", "transitive verb", etc., without definition of these terms. The implication is that this is the *only* use of the word. *Whakarite*, for example, is listed only as a transitive verb, yet in a text with translation by Bruce Biggs<sup>7</sup> are found the phrases *kupu whakarite* and *teetahi kupu whakarite*. *Whakarite* here appears to be an adjective following a noun. Literal translations might be "a comparable word". (This of course is not among the meanings listed.)

In the same passage (line 15) *kaha* is used as a verb following *ka*, which is defined in the Dictionary as a particle (*taku kupu ka kaha haere ki toou aroaro*). The Dictionary lists *kaha* only as adjective and noun. *I* is defined as an adverb, but in an example it is used as an adjective: *Ko ahau tonu* "It is I myself".

If the lexicographer avoids the terms noun, verb, adjective, and adverb, he is not setting his beautifully flexible dictionary in an Indo-European strait jacket by implying that a word is *only* a verb (or noun, etc.) and is at the same time economical in numerals and costly in print. There seems to be no reasonable justification for the following segmentation: *Haka* v.i. Dance. 2. Sing a song. 3. n. Dance. 4. Song, accompanying a dance.

A second desired emancipation of a dictionary is from puristic bias. Such terms as corrupt, decayed, degenerate, vicious, depraved, and immoral, that disfigure the pages of some dictionaries are refreshingly absent in the Maori D. Commonly such pejoratives concern habits considered dissolute and words considered corrupt. Fortunately for the Williams no Maori customs are labelled vicious. The only puristic slanting noted is the segregation of a scanty number of loan words on a half page of an appendix. If it was too expensive to enter these words in the lexicon proper, the name of the Williams' family might have been protected by deletion in this new edition of the paradoxical dictionary. On page xv. We read here that loan words are "barbarous transliterations" substituted for "genuine" words. We read that such forms are not a "symptom of linguistic decay" but are "evidence of continued vitality". The dictionary maker knows that paying attention to non-native words unhallowed by the centuries will always make

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some people angry. This is one of the crosses he must ever bear, even when he can point to respectable examples<sup>8</sup> of the words under fire. Linguistic nationalism is not confined to a single age, continent, or ocean.

## Derivation

The Dictionary plan was to list derivatives under the roots. A derived form without a root would follow a hypothetical and undefined root. Derivatives would be listed elsewhere in the Dictionary in their proper alphabetical order or by cross references to the full entry. The reader would have a more intelligible grasp of a word if he could see the root and its derivatives (such as causative, reduplications, forms with *-nga* or *-tanga*) in one place.

This seems like a fine plan, but all too commonly cross references are lacking, and, far more serious, there is in many instances little relationship between a derivative and the preceding root. How can *haka* "desolate, desolate" and *haka* "leaning, inclined" be placed under a root *h* meaning "breath"?

Can *ahi* "fire" and *ahiahi* "evening" be considered related? (Dempwolff traces the two back to Proto-Polynesian \**apuj* and \**Rabi*.)<sup>9</sup> Can one be sure of the relationship of *kahi* "take fire" and *kahiinga* "place of fire" and does it belong in a dictionary?

One of the most valuable features of the Dictionary is the inclusion of illustrative examples, mostly from primary texts, with references, and this represents a tremendous scholarly contribution. The examples are not there because doing so “would not warrant the great addition to the bulk of the volume” (page xvi, Introduction). They might, however, have been reduced by generous cross references. The same quotation, for example, appears under *arearenga* and *huna*. In this quotation occurs the word *poho*, but under *poho* are other quotations, where a cross reference might have sufficed. Translation of these illustrations would help those with imperfect knowledge of Maori. Dictionaries should be explicit enough to please both neophytes and fools.

### *Diacritics*

The assignment of macrons as indicative of vowel length is very different from that of Biggs.<sup>10</sup> The most significant difference is in the monosyllabic words that carry lexical meaning, which Biggs apparently considers less important. Biggs's *Maaori, konei, whakamoti* contrasts with Dictionary's *Maori, k nei, whakam t*, to name only a few differences. In a new dictionary it is recommended that the compilers use macrons (or double vowels) in illustrative material as well as in the entries. A phonemic feature carrying as heavy a functional load as this should be reflected in the orthography.

### *Definitions*

The following types of definitions caused this reviewer to knit his brows: (1) Preference for bookish to common definitions (*haere ra* and *turituri* as “farewell” and “hush” but nothing about a possible “good-by” or “keep quiet” or “shut up”). (2) Vague definitions, as: “a term applied to the fighting

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men of a tribe” (*arerowhero*); “used to denote importance; applied to persons, food, etc.” (*mahuran*); “expressing satisfaction” (*tau IX*); “———” (*wairehu*).

### *Completeness*

How complete is the Dictionary? This question is crucial to the assessment of any dictionary that is to be considered definitive. To answer this question an attempt was made to translate the single page noted in footnote 2, compare Dictionary definitions with meanings as surmised from study of Biggs's translation on page 264 opposite the same text. (Biggs's double vowels correspond to the Dictionary's vowels with macrons.) I know no Maori, but have had acquaintance with related Polynesian languages, including similar East Polynesian languages. Could I have translated the page without Biggs's translation? The answer is that I could have translated only portions of it. Fifteen words could not be found at all in the Dictionary with meanings comparable to those in the translation (*kahikatea, awatea, poo tonu, taoroa, tonutia, 'hia, noatia, hairu, tiaki, keemu, poataaima, motitanga, whakapo, whenua*). (At least four of these are loan words: compare comments under *Emancipation*.) Eleven words were found that had Dictionary meanings similar but not exactly the same as those given by Biggs (*mo, uaua, owha, whakarite, kaha, ahakoa, pehi, iwi, kaainga, piri*): this is indicative of a penury of “synonyms”. We need more words. That *iwi* means “tribe” as well as “nation, people”.

The inclusion of derivatives is especially casual, and the editors say on page xiv that “it has not been advisable to cumber the Dictionary with all the possible reduplicated or inflexional derivatives, the meaning of the majority of such forms being obvious from those of the parent words”. This appears to have been an unwise decision (even if one were willing to call derivatives “inflexional”). Comparativists want very much to know how forms take what endings, as *-mia, -hia, -tia, -tanga*, and others. Far from being freely added (for euphony or euphony) they are most likely significant heritages from the past.

As a further test of inclusion of derivatives, the Dictionary was searched for the 43 forms listed on fascinating page xxi of the Introduction; 17 of them were not entered with the given meanings, and two were included in illustrative phrases without an entry. In the passage previously reported on, three derived forms were not included (*muia, muina, taenga*), and four were included in illustrative phrases without any entry (*kiia, whakaekete, whakaritea*).

Idioms, which have been defined by Hockett as grammatical forms the meaning of which is not deducible from their structure, are “the stuff of which dictionaries are made”.<sup>11</sup> The following common-as-dirt ones listed in Williams' *First Lessons*<sup>12</sup> were not noted in the Dictionary: how do you do? good-by, what do you want? where is he? four days ago, the day before yesterday, last night.

What of poetry and symbolism? Poetry flowered in East Polynesia and especially in New Zealand. Beauty, pa  
lofty symbolism pervade the laments, for example, at the death of Sir Apiana Ngata.<sup>13</sup> The figurative and  
flights of poets need further analysis, and their results should be incorporated in the new lexicon when it app

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The work under review is indeed a treasury of information that has served well for many years. We hope, |  
that some day a definitive book will be forthcoming, and that it fits the structure and mirrors more fully the  
of life encapsulated in the Maori language.

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