



William Colenso: His Life and Journeys

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Otago University Press, New Zealand, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Revised ed.. 224 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Born in the town of Penzance in Cornwall in 1811, William Colenso was perhaps the most interesting of New Zealand's early missionaries. As a Church Missionary Society printer, Colenso established the first printing press and, in 1837, printed the first book - 5,000 copies of the New Testament in Maori, to be followed later by 27,000 copies of the Book of Common Prayer, also in Maori. Colenso also printed many pamphlets and documents, including the Treaty of Waitangi. His Authentic and Genuine History of the Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi (1890) is regarded as the most reliable European account from the time. Throughout his life, he defended the rights and equality of Maori. Determined to expand the activities of the mission in New Zealand, William Colenso undertook major journeys, mainly on the east coast of the North Island. Always an enthusiastic plant collector, his scientific interests were reinforced and made more systematic by the visits of Charles Darwin in 1835, Allan Cunningham in 1838, and Joseph Dalton Hooker in 1841. Botanical studies accompanied his inland explorations....



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