

Anglican Church of St Heliers Bay and Glendowie 125 Anniversary Countdown

50 weeks to go



William Garden Cowie

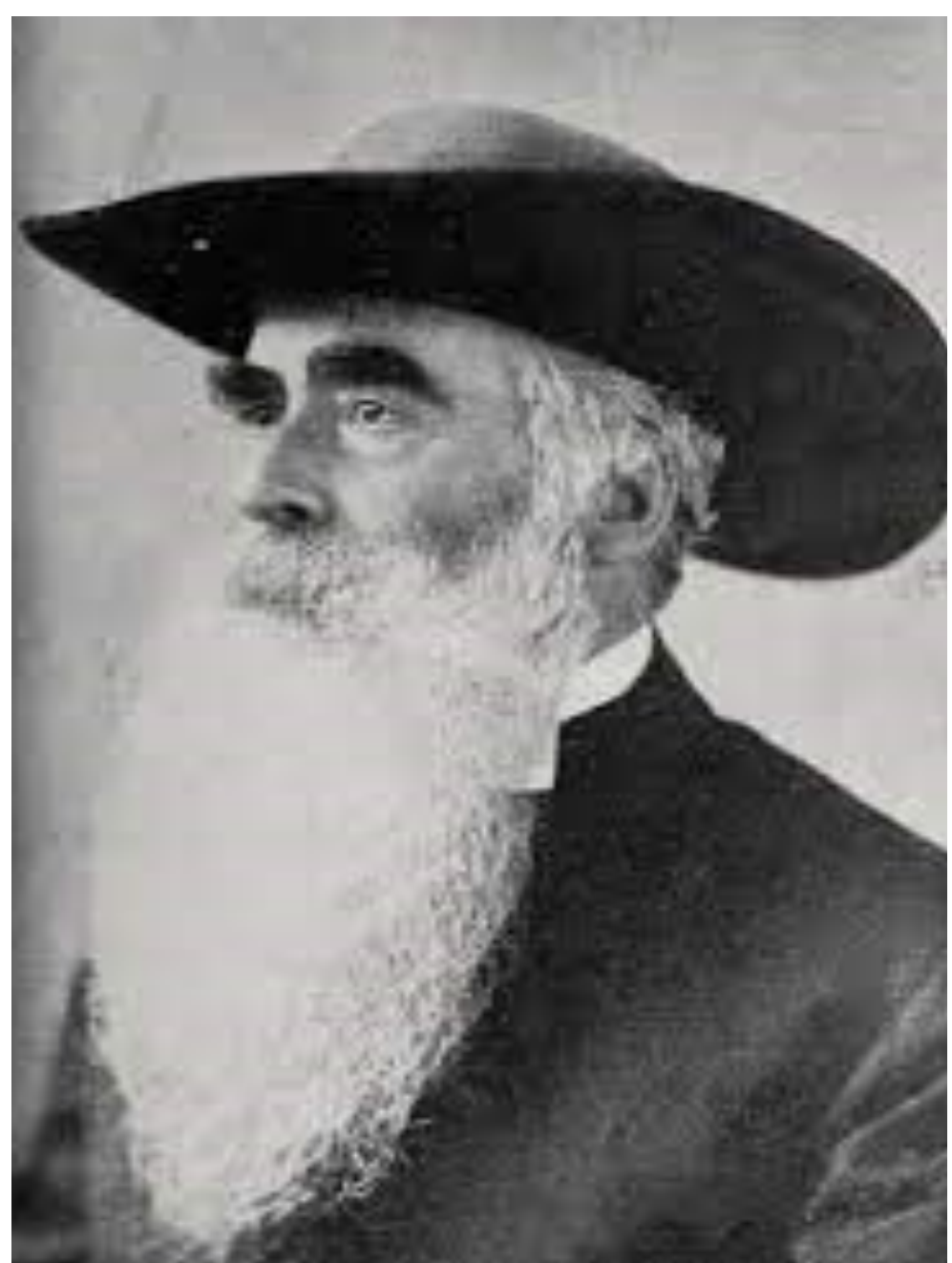
The service of consecration at St Philip's in 1898 was taken by New Zealand's first Primate (or chief bishop in the province), William Garden Cowie.

Bishop Cowie arrived in Auckland in 1870. Selwyn, who had provided the vision for Christianity in New Zealand, had returned to England. Cowie's job was to take Selwyn's vision and turn it into a living, breathing, workable church with clergy, buildings, regular worship and structures by which it could function.

Cambridge - educated, Cowie had served for some time as an army chaplain in India. He was an impressive-looking man with a long, beard. He is said to have been modest, gentle, courteous, broadminded and hard-working. He was interested in social services.



Philip Walsh depicts Bishop Cowie and Eliza riding 'On the Taratara Range in a Nor Easter, April 28, 1887'.



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In his thirty-three years as Bishop of Auckland, he persevered with challenges and had vowed early on 'not to quarrel with any man'. It's notable that it was during his time the Auckland City Mission was founded.

Bishop Cowie died in 1902 and is buried in the cemetery of St Stephens, Parnell.

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