



**Thomas Campbell:** The Campbell grave marks one of Otago's maritime tragedies. Thomas Campbell, a Londoner, was educated at St John's College, Cambridge, graduating in 1851. He served as an assistant master at Charterhouse and in 1855 took over as Headmaster of the Wolverhampton Grammar School. Campbell then secured an appointment as the foundation rector of Otago Boys'

High School and so arrived in Deborah Bay on 3 July 1863. The next day, Campbell with his wife, five children (aged 5, 4, 3, 14 months, and five weeks) and two servants – Fanny Finch (17) and Sarah Roberts (23) - left in the *Pride of Yarra* for Dunedin. Off Kilgour Point, the steamer collided with the *Favorite*, and quickly sank with the loss of at least 13 lives, including the entire Campbell family and the two servants. A public funeral in St Paul's was followed by a procession, involving an estimated 2 000 people, to the Southern Cemetery. The parents' coffins were laid in the centre of the vault with that of the infant between them, and the two girls and two boys together on either side. The servants' coffins were laid at the foot of the grave, while other victims were buried nearby. In September 1864, a monument and two gravestones arrived from England and were erected over the vault. An inquest held Captain Adams and the mate Charles Murray of the *Favorite* (owned by W.H. Reynolds) chiefly responsible, although Captain Spence of the *Pride of Yarra* did not escape some censure. In September 1863, Adams and Murray were tried for manslaughter but, without retiring, the jury found them not guilty.