



BISHOP COWIE, ARCHDEACON GOVETT, AND REV. CANON WALSH IN ROBES OF OFFICE, IN FRONT OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH.



THE MOST REVEREND PRIMATE, BISHOP COWIE OF AUCKLAND.

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THE PRIMATE, ARCHDEACON GOVETT, AND CLERGY ON THE LAWN AT THE VICARAGE.

considered himself fortunate at being able to accept the invitation to meet the members of St. Mary's Church and the general public that night to congratulate his friend and brother, Archdeacon Govett, who had just completed his fifty years' ministrations in the district. He expressed his great pleasure at seeing so many persons present to show their respect to the Archdeacon. After His Worship the Mayor had said a few words, Mr F. L. Webster presented an address from the parishioners of St. Mary's Parish to the Archdeacon, in which reference was made to the services he had rendered to the settlers of the district during the fifty years he had spiritually ministered to their wants. 'Your Jubilee is a suitable occasion,' says the address, 'to remind you that our beautiful church is entirely free from debt, and for all time will be a lasting tribute to the foresight of the late Rev. W. Bolland and your own unbounded benevolence and liberality.' The address also stated that 'as anything which would tend to still further beautify St. Mary's would be valued by the Archdeacon more than a personal gift, the parishioners had decided to place in the church a reredos in stone, as a memorial of his labours during the past fifty years.' On the Archdeacon rising to reply, the rev. gentleman was greeted with a most enthusiastic reception from the miscellaneous audience present. He made a very feeling speech, referring to the events in the district during the past fifty years. He said: 'You have been

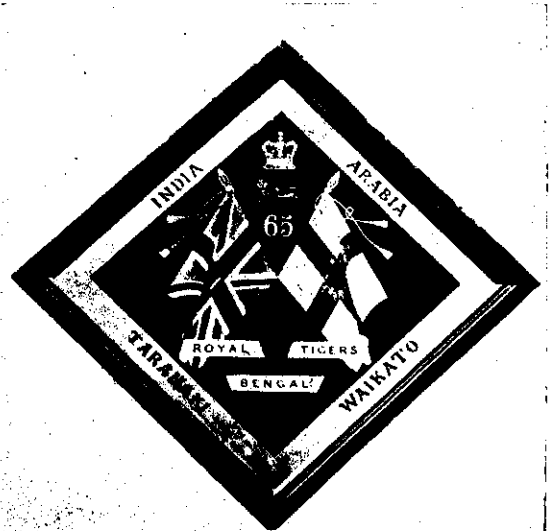
if ministers of the Gospel, following the example of the Archdeacon, would climb down to the level of ordinary mortals and participate in such innocent recreations, it would tend greatly to elevate them all.' After the Archdeacon had replied, the audience burst out almost spontaneously with 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow,' which served to raise the spirits of the audience and put one and all in good fellowship with each other.

A programme of musical items followed, and the social was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Mr W. H. Skinner, who had the control of the proceedings, carried out his duties in a most capable manner, the celebration of Archdeacon Govett's Jubilee being a great success.

We are indebted to Mr John Cook, of the Survey Office, New Plymouth, for the photographs of Bishop Cowie in the porch of St. Mary's Church, the clerical party on the lawn of the Vicarage and in their robes, also for the picture of the 65th Regiment Hatchment, painted by Rev. Canon Walsh, which has been placed in the church. We have also to thank Canon Walsh for the assistance rendered to our New Plymouth correspondent in obtaining the particulars relative to the services in the church in connection with the Archdeacon's Jubilee.

'What's that book you're reading, papa?' 'The Last Days of Pompeii,' my pet.' 'What did he die of, papa?' 'An eruption, dear.'



MEMORIAL HATCHMENT IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEW PLYMOUTH.

very patient with me in the work I have endeavoured to do in the cause of Christ, and you have shown your great appreciation.' He referred to the beautiful stone church they possessed, 'which now everybody acknowledged to be one of the best in New Zealand. So he and his congregation might be pardoned for being so proud of it.' He thanked the parishioners for placing a lectern in the church to the memory of his wife, an action he said he greatly appreciated. The Archdeacon concluded by warmly thanking them for the reception he had received that night, which he felt a fitting climax to the many acts of kindness he had received. Cheers were called for and responded to most heartily, during which a movement in the hall showed that an unexpected item in the programme was about to be introduced, but which proves how thoroughly the Archdeacon is respected by the whole community. A number of gentlemen walked on the stage. Mr James Paul, who headed the party and acted as spokesman, said they were members of the Bowling Club, and as the Archdeacon had always taken a lively interest in the Club since its inception, they wished to present him with a life member's ticket, and at the same time cordially congratulate him on the attainment of his Jubilee. He added: 'The players had derived much benefit from the presence of the Archdeacon amongst them, and he thought

Says Henry Hess in the African Critic:—'I hear that Mr Kipling has lately been deluged with invitations from assiduous lion hunters. Lady Jeanne tried to get him for one of her receptions, and failed. Mrs George Curzon held out the chance of meeting Mr Balfour as an inducement, but Mr Kipling was coy. Even the Duchesse of Devonshire received a polite refusal. The clubs, too, tried for him. Of course, a log-rolling fraternity like the Omar Khayyam clique knew better than to apply; but even the presence of 'Bobs' failed to secure the attendance of Mr Kipling at a recent Savage Club dinner.'

Finest Pearls in Europe.—The Duchess of Cumberland possesses the finest pearls in Europe. They were part of the crown Jewels of Hanover, and in 1857 they were valued at £100,000. These pearls were claimed in 1837 both by Queen Victoria and by her uncle, King Ernest of Hanover, and it was not until 1857 that Lord Wensleydale, Lord Hathorley and Sir Lawrence Peel unanimously decided that they belonged to Hanover. They were then given up, along with a splendid casket brought to England from Hanover by George II., and the rest belonged to Queen Charlotte, who left them by will to her son Ernest.