

much to be added to accommodate all the Sunday School children. The parish has had many vicissitudes, owing to its heavy indebtedness, as building was begun without the wherewithal to pay. The total debts present an interesting feature in the parish history, as shewing the money raised in addition to a thousand a year for current expenses. They were: In 1883, £5600; 1886, £4278; 1890, £3715; 1895, £3087; 1896, £3098; 1897, £2975; 1898, £2800; 1899, £1700. The Ladies' Guild, under the

is an efficient surpliced choir (of part of which we give a photograph) of men and boys, which is assisted by an auxiliary choir of ladies' voices. In 1894 a Church Day School was opened by the then Vicar, the Rev. Canon Howell. A fine two-storey red brick house was erected in 1894 in Stafford Street, a little above the Church for a Vicarage by Mrs. Wood, who in 1897 transferred it to the Church Trustees in consideration of a life annuity of £85. The present Vicar (the Rev. W. Curzon-Siggers,



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S. MATTHEW'S CHURCH CHOIR.

Dunedin.

guidance of its energetic Treasurer (Mrs. James Rattray) has for twenty years nobly worked to reduce the debt. In 1884, Mr. H. E. Williams was mainly instrumental in reducing it by £1600. A three years' effort was begun in 1896 to wipe out the whole £2800 debt by straight giving. The successful completion of the scheme is hoped for in another fifteen months, as the whole sum has been promised, and of it £1190 has been paid. The organist is Mr. A. N. Lilly. There

M.A.) was appointed in 1896. He is the editor of the *New Zealand Guardian*, and author of several theological treatises and smaller works. He writes each year a volume of Lesson Notes for use in the Sunday Schools of the Dunedin Diocese, and the many Sunday Schools that choose to use them. When the debt is paid, the Parish should be one of the choice incumbencies of New Zealand. It is the favourite church for visitors, and is noted for its hearty congregational worship.