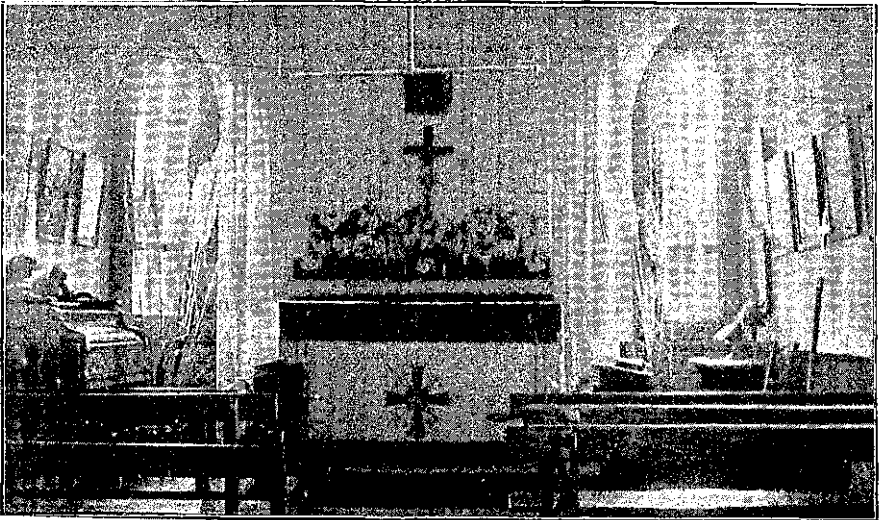


the moral life. There is no ostentation of the same; it is simply that the influence, the atmosphere is there; and every minute of the life of these women, charming, gentle and devoted, is a consecration and an endeavour to elevate the lives of those who are associated with them. The great love and respect of those who are connected with them is a grand if silent testimony to the good they are doing to New Zealand girls.

At 11 a.m. the interval comes, with tea for the resident girls. They work again till 12.30. Dinner is served at 1; school resumes at 2,

Church, and books are read, the girls quietly passing the time.

The whole life is so happy and helpful that the girls are always bright, always kind and loving. Their devotion to the sisters and to the governesses is very marked. And the entertainments they organize show quite exceptional talent! Their annual mission bazaar is an evidence of the work they get through to help others. Lady Ranfurly takes a deep interest in S. Hilda's, and the girls delight to see her and to receive their prizes at her hands. Altogether the institution is one of



The Chapel.

and at 4 the day-girls disperse; though so happy is their school life that if looks say anything, many would gladly linger. Then the boarders have afternoon tea before their walk. Following preparation, comes supper; and then recreation—such a happy time, and all too short! Prayers at 9 finish the day's life, and by 10 lights are out and the girls asleep in their comfortable beds.

Saturday brings afternoon picnics in summer to Dunedin's lovely little spots of bush or creek or sea, and evening reading, games, music, or impromptu plays. On Sundays letters are written before and after

which New Zealand ought to be proud, and the motto of S. Hilda's is one which I should like to see more widely known among our girls: "Beati mundo corde."—(Blessed are the pure in heart.) There are girls from Hawke's Bay, from Wellington, from Canterbury, from Otago, at S. Hilda's, and if people knew more about the school, branches would have to be established in other cities than Dunedin. I shall always be pleased to give personally any details omitted in my rough sketch, of such an interesting and excellent school as this, which is dedicated to the Saint Hilda of English history.