

Visited Miss Strouts' "kindergarten." Service in the evening in Garrison Hall at Gisborne by request. Splendid congregation, estimated at 1600.

Monday, March 14.—Started at 9.30 for East Coast tour. Lunched at Turihaua, the residence of Mr. H. B. Williams. Stayed night at Waihau, kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Loisel.

Tuesday, March 15.—Left Waihau at 8. Got into a quicksand on the beach. Sprung the pole. Got horses out. Buggy pulled out by the coach, which fortunately soon came by. Patched up the pole and arrived at Tolaga Bay at 10.30 accompanied by the Rev. Timutimu Tawhai, who came out to meet us. After refreshments at Mr. Holder's, and repairs to the buggy at the blacksmith's, drove on to O'Shea's for lunch. Met Rev. Nikora Tautau. Paid a short visit to Mr. Busby and arrived at Tokomaru, where we met the Rev. F. C. Long and received a hearty greeting from a large number of natives. Hospitably entertained by the Maoris. Prayers with the Maoris in the evening, followed by speeches of welcome.

Wednesday, March 16.—After morning prayers, at which I gave an address, we journeyed on to the Hospital, and were kindly received by the Matron. An excellent well-managed institution. Met the Chairman of the Board, Mr. A. B. Williams. Arrived at Waipiro, lunched with Mr. Long, paid a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. Beal, and arrived at Makarika, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, where we spent the whole of the next day and had a rest.

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News from other Dioceses.

DUNEDIN.

THE LATE DR. HOCKEN.—The New Zealand Church has sustained a great loss in the death of the deeply-revered and much-loved Dr. Hocken. His name has been a household word in the Provincial District of Otago almost from the beginning of settlement. As a physician, he was deeply beloved and trusted by his old patients and numerous friends. As a man of letters, he has placed the whole Dominion under obligation by his painstaking energy and self-denying efforts to collect the memorials of the early history of New Zealand. As a Churchman, he will be long remembered for his earnest devotion and untiring labour in assisting the cause of religion in Otago and elsewhere; and as

a public-spirited citizen and generous benefactor, he will be sorely missed by the philanthropic societies which he has assisted so nobly with his wise counsel and liberal gifts. His life and work are a splendid appeal to our wealthy Church men and an effective rebuke to the prosperous citizens of this Dominion, so many of whom seem callous to the noblest ideals of our higher life. For over forty years Dr. Hocken was associated with S. Paul's, Dunedin, as a churchwarden, and in later years as a member of the Cathedral Chapter. He has been a member of the Standing Committee of the Synod from its inception. At the Otago University he did good service as its first Lecturer in Surgery, and as a member of its Council; and during his illness he was elected to succeed Mr James Allen as Vice-Chancellor. The gift of the Hocken library to the people of the Dominion, with its priceless treasures to the future historians of New Zealand, is still fresh in the public memory. Among other benefactions, he has left £2000 for the country clergy of this diocese, and £10,000 to the University of Otago.

RECENT CHANGES.—The Diocese has lost one of its senior clergy in the removal of the Rev. G. W. Christian, Vicar of Port Chalmers, to the Vicarage of Governor's Bay, in the Diocese of Christchurch. Mr Christian has done excellent work in Otago, and his removal from Port Chalmers will be deeply felt by the parishioners. The farewell meeting was one of the largest gatherings that Port Chalmers has ever seen. In his successor, the Rev. George Blathwaite, Vicar of Balclutha, Port Chalmers gains a devoted parish priest and an indefatigable worker. — The vacant cure of Waimea Plains has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. W. Uphill, from the Diocese of Rockhampton.

SELWYN COLLEGE.—The academic year has begun with an increase in the number of students. During the last four years the number of students has risen from three to forty. An effort is being made to provide accommodation for sixty students. The Warden has already built a new dining hall to accommodate seventy persons; and has been fortunate enough to collect the funds by a personal canvass. On his own initiative he has acquired land adjoining the College, with two houses, which he has transformed for College purposes, and has begun to erect a portion of a new hostel, to be called "Chester Hall." The buildings now consist of the original Selwyn College, the recently-erected Collegiate

School, and the Pattison, Lister, and Chester Halls. The students have recently obtained and furnished a commodious common-room, and are very anxious to erect a gymnasium. The expansion of Selwyn College, and the recent erection and endowment of Knox College by the Presbyterian Church, are a remarkable testimony to the value and necessity of Colleges as a necessary part of our University system. The affiliation of Selwyn College in its Theological Department to the University of Durham, and the proposed affiliation of Knox College to a Scottish or an American University, point to the advisability of establishing a Faculty of Theology either in the University of New Zealand or in connection with the Anglican and the Presbyterian Churches. The mere fact that the Presbyterian Church has been able to found and endow three Professorships, each of the value of £600 per annum, in the Theological Hall of Knox College, ought to stimulate some of our wealthy Churchmen to found and endow Professorships or Lectureships in the Anglican Colleges of New Zealand.

THE NEW CATHEDRAL.—The Diocesan Synod met on 13th June. In the course of his presidential address, the Primate announced three gifts to the "New Cathedral Fund" which the *Evening Star* justly described as "princely gifts." To meet the recent gift of £1000 by a well-known Dunedin Churchman (Mr G. Grey Russell), three donations of £1000 apiece have been given by Mr W. Dawson, Mr C. F. Greenslade, and Mrs Nichols and family. It is expected that these generous gifts will give such an impetus to the fund as will enable the foundation stone of the new Cathedral to be laid during the present year, in which the Primate has completed the thirty-ninth year of his episcopate.

CHRISTCHURCH.

C.E.M.S.—We have great hopes here that this movement is going to spread and be a source of real strength, making for the upbuilding of the Church. Already thirteen branches have affiliated to the Diocesan Council for provisional registration, the average membership being fifteen. Our plan with regard to registration is as follows:—A branch having been provisionally formed, applies to the Diocesan Council for provisional registration, accompanying the application with 2/6, fee for Diocesan Council, and also 2/6 capitation fee for headquarters, which must be paid by all branches that have a membership of