

and the total "treatments" 7,501,013. Surgical operations were 157,655. Apart from hospitals and dispensaries, there were 88 leper asylums with 6759 inmates.

Commenting on these figures, *The Lancet*, June 25, says:—"Such is the advance estimated up to the present moment in the organisation, philanthropic and medical, which now constitutes an active contingent of the great missionary army, and the contribution it makes to the successful conduct of the campaign not only justifies its introduction, but calls loudly for further additions to its personnel and further extension of its equipment."

The hospital at Hang Chow, to which Dr. Strange has been appointed, will on his arrival have a staff of four doctors. It has 250 beds; last year it received 1443 in-patients, while out-patients numbered 20,987.

At Fuh-Chow, where the C.M.S. has a smaller hospital with 63 beds, a medical college for the training of Chinese medical students will shortly be opened. A fine building, containing lecture-rooms, student's quarters, and rooms for a single foreign missionary, has been finished, and to the superintendence of this medical college, Dr. B. Van Johnson Taylor (who has had thirty-two years' experience as a medical missionary in China) has been appointed, assisted by Dr. MacKenzie.

What this Medical School may mean in the future to the multitude of suffering folk in China, who can estimate? At present they are dependent on the methods adopted by native doctors or sanctioned by long-standing custom, methods in many cases cruel and barbarous in the extreme.

Diocesan News.

Appointments.

The following appointments have been made by the Bishop of Waiapu:—

Commissary—The Venerable Archdeacon Williams, M.A.

Archdeacon of Tauranga—The Venerable Archdeacon Tisdall, M.A.

Examining Chaplains—The Ven. Archdeacon Williams, M.A., and the Ven. Archdeacon Ruddock, B.A.

Chaplains to the Bishop—The Ven. Archdeacon Williams, M.A., the Rev. Canon Mayne, M.A., the Rev. Canon Tuke.

Mission Chaplains—The Ven. Archdeacon Ruddock, M.A., the Rev. F. A. Bennett.

Bishop's Commissaries in England—The Rev. Canon Hassard, M.A., Sub-dean of Truro Cathedral, the Rev. Prebendary H. V. Stuart, M.A., Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Church Advocate—Mr Hubert Burnett, Barrister-at-Law.

Editor of "The Waiapu Church Gazette"—The Rev. Allen Gardiner, Havelock North.

The Bishop has received the resignation of the Rev. A. H. Coles, Vicar of Patutahi, who has decided to return to his old parish in the Diocese of Bombay. Mr and Mrs Coles will be much missed from the parish, and the whole Diocese will regret the departure of the Vicar of Patutahi and congratulate the Diocese of Bombay on his response to the "call of the East." Mr Coles has found the conditions of Colonial life and especially of clerical life somewhat trying after a long residence in India. Mr and Mrs Coles will be leaving New Zealand towards the end of November. We wish them *bon voyage* and every happiness in their work in India.

The departure of the Rev. C. Gordon Biddle from Hastings, and the Rev. H. H. Robjohns from Havelock North, has further reduced our already too small staff of clergy. Mr and Mrs Gordon Biddle have left for England, and Mr Robjohns is hoping to find that the Auckland climate will suit him better than Havelock and Clive. Mr Gordon Biddle came to the Diocese to act as assistant-priest under the Rev. J. Hobbs, and when the resignation of Mr Hobbs took place, Mr Biddle was offered a living in the Diocese by the Bishop, which, however, he did not see his way to accept, as he had decided to return to the Old Country. Both Mr and Mrs Biddle had made many friends at Hastings who were genuinely sorry to part with them. The cause of Mr Robjohns' departure is one which all will deeply regret, viz., the unsatisfactory state of his health. As assistant curate at Havelock he has done very loyal and faithful work, and Clive especially will miss him very much. We can only hope that his anticipations of the Auckland climate will be realised.

Consecration of New Brick Church, Waerenga-a-hika.

The new Parish Church at Waerenga-a-hika was built to replace that destroyed by fire in February last.

Though not large it is very well and substantially built of brick, the walls being closely buttressed in such a way as to give the building an appearance of solidity. The nave measures 35ft. by 22½ft., and the chancel 13ft. x 9ft. At the entrance there is a porch, and a small temporary wooden vestry, to be replaced in due course by a tower, completes the edifice. The interior is of beautiful design and construction. The arches and lining of the roof are of beautifully figured oiled rimu, and the walls are finished in pure white plaster. The windows, of which there are eleven, are of coloured cathedral glass in lead, the designing and execution being admirable. The altar, prayer-desk, and lectern are handsome specimens of workmanship, and are well in keeping with the building itself. Seating accommodation is provided for about 150, though the building is capable of seating more. The organ is a "Bell Cathedral," and is well suited to the size of the church. "A beautiful church," said the Bishop in his sermon at the dedication. "An ornament not only to the district, but to the Diocese, and I congratulate the Vicar, church officers, and people of this district for raising to the honour and glory of God such a house as this. The fact that it is built of permanent material is a witness of your permanence in the Christian faith."

The dedication service took place on Sunday, October 9th. The Bishop was attended by the Ven. Archdeacon Williams as chaplain, and the following clergy also took part in the service;—The Vicar (Rev. E. Ward), and the Revs. M. W. Butterfield, F. W. Chatterton, and W. H. Roberts. After the dedication service, morning prayer was read by the Rev. M. W. Butterfield. The Bishop's sermon was from Psalm 137, 4th verse: "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" and was of such power as to inspire the hope that many of those who listened will never forget the exalted thoughts and fervid exhortation that fell from the lips of the preacher. Dealing first with the neglect of God that brought about the captivity of Israel, he went on to show how adversity is God's means to bring His erring ones back to Him. In prosperity men are apt to forget God. When the hour of adversity comes there is often that same awakening that came to Israel in Babylon. Referring to the loss by fire of the previous church, the Bishop said: "It may be that some of you never realised until you lost your church what that church really meant, and a church