

in our midst really means to Christian people. When that church goes we feel our necessity of a place to meet together for united worship and prayer. Do not blame God. Let us try to learn the lesson taught us by the loss of your church, that God wanted us to feel our need, and also that he required of us something better than we had given him in the past." Some valuable thoughts were next given expression to as to the need of getting a right atmosphere in our Church: that religious atmosphere that can only be got in a house set apart for the worship of God. Let people pray at home or anywhere else they chose, but let them, following the example of our Lord, be regular in their attendance in their worship in God's house. The Bishop's concluding words were: "I am sure you can say this morning, 'I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up into the house of the Lord.' May many souls be trained in this house for a life of greater service and greater love in the home of heaven. May you sing the Lord's song in this homeland and not in a strange land, and may your hearts be always in tune with the words you sing. We do thank God to-day for His blessing in allowing us to offer Him this house, which is to be used for the honour, glory, praise, and worship of God."

There was a crowded congregation, every corner of space being utilised for seating purposes. The congregation was not less when the Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation at 2.30 p.m. to twenty candidates. The Bishop's address was on i. Cor., 3rd chapter 16th verse, and was such as to exactly meet the needs of young people just attaining to full membership in the Church of God. "Ye are the temple of God," were the words commended to them by their chief pastor as a motto, and he told them that as long as they kept that thought in their minds they would be preserved from doing anything that would defile them.

The Rev. F. W. Chatterton was the preacher at the evening service, when there was again a good congregation, and a memorable day was brought to a fitting close. Mr Ellis presided at the organ at all the services, and the singing was heartily rendered.

Consecration Service.

Church of S. Michael and All Angels, Puketapu.

Friday, October 21st, was a Red Letter Day in the Church life of Puketapu, when the Church of S.

Michael and All Angels was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese. The Church was full, many Taradale parishioners as well as Church members from Napier being present in addition to most of the people of Puketapu. The Bishop and his chaplain, the Ven. Archdeacon Ruddock, were met at the west door by the Vicar, Rev. A. P. Clarke; the Curate, Rev. G. W. Davidson; Messrs. O. McCutcheon, Church warden; and Joseph Bicknell. The petition for consecration having been handed to the Bishop and read by the Archdeacon, the former declared his consent to the consecration. Psalm 24 was then read as the Procession advanced towards the east end of the Church, where the Bishop read the Consecration Prayers, and having been assured that the Deed of Conveyance was ready, declared the Church duly consecrated for all purposes pertaining to Public Worship.

Shortened evening service was then proceeded with, the Rev. G. W. Davidson reading the Prayers, and the Vicar the Lessons.

The Bishop preached a most striking sermon on Genesis XXVIII, 11. He urged the necessity of seeking after higher ideals and a higher sense of duty, higher ideals being arrived at by higher ideas of God. Devotion to duty has helped to make the British Nation, the decay of duty would mean the decay of the Nation. To live true lives we must look above us, this the new Church would help us to do. The vision of the Angels passing up and down the ladder pictured a life in touch with God for holy service. The Angels veiled their faces, let that teach reverence in the house of God. The Bishop exhorted to regular and earnest worship, and to always keeping the Church perfectly clean, remembering that it was God's house. He trusted that the Church would indeed serve its true purpose, namely, that of helping to prepare many lives for service on Earth, and afterwards for the higher service of Heaven.

The Bishop congratulated the architect and the builder on their most satisfactory work, also the Vicar, Curate, and people upon the success that had crowned their efforts, expressing special pleasure that the Church was being opened free of debt, and that so many private gifts of furniture had been presented.

Mr Levin of Napier kindly motored the Bishop out from Napier.

A complete list of furniture, window &c., will be forwarded for the next issue of the GAZETTE.

Correspondence.

(The Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by his correspondents).

Re College of S. Columba.

To the Editor, WAIAPU CHURCH GAZETTE.

SIR,—For the benefit of the Rev. C. W. Robinson, and possibly others, I beg to furnish the following information taken from *Truth* Cautionary List for 1910:—

"College of S. Columba, 48 Old Elect, Durham.—A joint stock enterprise formed under the name of S. Columba's College and Universities' Publication Society, Ltd., in March, 1909. The leading spirit is a Rev. John Highwood, of The Laurels, Staplehurst, Kent, with whom are associated a number of other clerics, amongst them the Rev. James Sowter, the Secretary of the Company. It commenced operations by offering the titles of A.Ph., or F.Ph., on a payment of 63s, with the privilege of sporting a hood of scarlet cloth, lined with green cloth, to the graduates."

Here is one of the touting circulars issued on behalf of S. Columba's College:—"Holme Vicarage, Peterborough, January 11, 1910. —Dear sir—Dr. Highwood wrote you some time ago re Foundation Fellowship in Philosophy, England. The school has now been instituted in London, and the privilege of the above Fellowship is open to you for a limited period as follows:—(1) By writing the current essay from a 3/6 text book which we supply. (2) By paying the £4 4s fee. (3) By promising to read the annual book on philosophy—the current book is 4/4 post free. Your early answer will oblige yours faithfully, J. SOWTER, p.p. E.R., Secretary, etc."

From the printed heading of this document it seems that Mr Sowter has himself gained the "coveted mark of distinction," "F.Ph." This may show that he himself values the decoration which he is retailing for general consumption—always supposing that he paid the full fees himself and bought the necessary 3/6 volumes;—but his method of advertising the qualifications and terms is not exactly calculated to add lustre to so "coveted a mark of distinction."

I may say that the details of the College of S. Columba are culled from a list of people in England who are showing special activity on the part of concerns which make it their business to supply bogus honours and distinctions. Further comment is needless!

I am, etc.,

F. E. TELLING SIMCOX.

Porangahau, H.B.,

October 13th, 1910.

Diocesan Paper.

Archdeacon Ruddock begs to acknowledge receipt of the following amounts for the WAIAPU CHURCH GAZETTE:—

Mr. J. Doar, 2/6; Mr. H. W. Brabant, 2/6; Mr. C. Bishoprick, 5/-; Mr. Meredith, 2/6; Mrs. F. C. Tipping, 2/6; Rev. A. P. Clarke, £2/10/-; Mrs. F. J. Kemp, 2/6; Rev. O. Dean, 12/-; Rev. F. E. T. Simcox, 12/6; Rev. A. P. Clarke, 8/4; Rev. A. P. Clarke, £1/9/-; Rev. A. P. Clarke, 4/-; Miss C. Elwin, 2/6; Mr. H. Baker, £1; Bishop Williams, £1; Canon Jordan, 5/-; Rev. F. W. Martin, 10/-; Mr. M. Downey, 2/6; Rev. E. Robertshawe, 12/6.