

work at Waerenga-a-hika was abruptly brought to an end by the Hauhau invasion, which made it necessary for Bishop Williams and the staff to leave the place. Most of the buildings were destroyed by the Hauhaus, and the state of the country for several years was such that the Bishop had to seek another home, and came to live in Napier. In 1868 the General Synod transferred the Province of Hawke's Bay from the Diocese of Wellington to that of Waiapu, and Bishop Williams made arrangements to reside permanently in Napier. Being anxious that some educational work should be resumed as soon as possible, he contrived by the aid of friends in England, to get a building erected at Hukarere, which was opened with a small number of girls in 1875. The number of applications for admission made it necessary to enlarge the building in 1877, and, through the liberality of the late Archdeacon S. Williams, further additions were subsequently made, so as to provide accommodation for sixty pupils with the necessary rooms for the teachers.

Until the opening of the Victoria School at Auckland in 1903 this was the only secondary school for Maori girls in connection with the Church of England, and pupils were received from all parts of New Zealand, and even from Stewart Island and from Chatham Island.

Nearly all the domestic work of the establishment has been done by the girls themselves, and, in addition to the usual school curriculum, special attention has been paid to needlework, dressmaking, laundry work, and cookery. By favour of the Hawke's Bay Education Board, many of the girls have attended the dressmaking and cookery classes at the Napier Technical School, and the City of London Guild's Cookery examination has been passed with credit by some of the girls. First Aid also has not been neglected, many girls having obtained certificates from the St. John Ambulance Association.

It is hoped that the new buildings may be erected on a more roomy site in Napier, and it is in the highest degree desirable that the material used should be of a durable and fire-proof character. The cost of such buildings may be from £6000 to £7000. Unfortunately there is no adequate building fund available, and unless liberal assistance should be provided from outside, it will be impossible to restore the school to its former standard of efficiency. It will be a grievous calamity that such a useful institution

should be crippled for lack of means, and there are probably many who would gladly help to make the school at least as effective in the future as it has been in the past. Any contributions to this object will be thankfully received by the Bishop of Waiapu.

Pending the erection of new buildings, arrangements will be made, if possible, to carry on the school in temporary premises, though possibly on a somewhat reduced scale.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS

towards the Re-building of Hukarere Native Girls' School, Napier.

The total destruction by fire of the Hukarere Girls' School has removed from the Dominion one of the most useful and successful agencies for the training and uplifting of the Maori race.

It is most important that the School, which has contained over sixty Maori girls and for twenty-seven years did duty alone for the Church of England throughout the Dominion, should be rebuilt with as little delay as possible.

The Trustees contemplate rebuilding the School on a more commodious site in Napier and in more permanent material, the cost of which will probably be from £6000 to £7000. Towards this amount some £2000 will be forthcoming from the insurance of the old buildings, and I earnestly appeal to Europeans and Maoris for assistance towards the £5000 required.

Contributions will be received and acknowledged on my behalf by Mr. J. B. Fielder, Diocesan Office, Napier.

A. W. WAIAPU.

Bishopscourt, Napier,
6th November, 1910.

TE KURA I HUKARERE.

He mahi nui na te Hahi i te Pihopatanga o Waiapu kua katia i enei ra, i te mea kua pau nei i te ahi te whare o te Kura i Hukarere i te 21 o nga ra o Oketopa. No mua, ara no te tau 1847 i timataia ai tenei mahi e Te Wiremu, Atirikona (ko ia nei te Pihopa tuatahi o Waiapu), no taua tau nei hoki i maranga ai he kura kotiro Maori ki Whakato, wahi o Turanga. No te tau 1854 i timata ai he kura tane ki reira, he ahu whenua tetahi mahi hei oranga mo te kura. Na te kore whenua watea i Whakato i kawea ketia ai te kura ki Waerenga-

a-hika, ehara i te mea ko nga tamariki wahine anake, engari he tamariki tane etahi, he tane pakeke hoki etahi i whakaakona ki reira. No te tau 1865 ka mutu whakarere nga mahi o Waerenga-a-hika i te Hauhau. Koia i heke ai a Te Wiremu Pihopa me ona hoa he whenua ke. Tahuna ake nga whare e te Hauhau, kotahi rawa i toe; he maha hoki nga tau i nui ai te raru o Turanga. Kua kore nei he kainga mo te Pihopa i reira, ka noho ia ki Nepia. No te tau 1868 ka whakaurua a Heretaunga ki roto ki te Pihopatanga o Waiapu, ka punau hoki te noho o te Pihopa ki Nepia. He nui tona hiahia kia tu wawe ano he kura, he aroha hoki no etahi hoa ona i Ingarani i maranga ai he whare ki Hukarere, kua timata hoki he kura i te tau 1875, kihai ano ia i tokomaha nga tamariki. No te tau 1877 ka whakanuia te whare, he tokomaha no nga matua e hiahia ana ki te tuku tamariki mai. No muri mai ka whakanuia ano te whare e te Wiremu Hamiora i tae ai ki te ono tekau te tokomaha o nga tamariki.

Heoi ano te kura penei a te Hahi o Ingarani mo te tamariki wahine, ko Hukarere anake, a tae noa ki te whakatuwheratanga o te Kura Wiktoria i Akarana, i te tau 1903. Nga tamariki i tae mai ki Hukarere i era tau, no nga wahi katoa o Niu Tirani nei, no Rangiuira, no Rekohu rawa hoki, ara no Wharekauri.

Nga mea e akona ana e nga tamariki i tenei kura, ko nga mea ano e akona ana i te tini o te kura, he mea apiti mai hoki ko nga mahi whakapai i te whare, ko te tuitui kakahu, ko te whaihanga kaone, ko te whakapai i te kakahu kua oti te horoi, ko te maha o nga tu o te tao kai. He tokomaha hoki kua whakaakona e te takuta, a whai tiwhikete rawa mo te mohio ki nga mahi e tika ana i te tupono mai o te aitua ki te tinana o te tangata.

Te hiahia o nga Trustees ko te whare hou kia tu ano ki Nepia nei, ki tetahi wahi rahi ake i te tunga tawhito, kia kauaka hoki e hangaa ki te rakau, engari ki te mea ora roa, ki te mea hoki kahore e hohoro te kainga e te ahi. Ko te utu o tena tu whare, tera pea e tae ki te £6000, nuku atu ranei ki te £7000. Kotahi te he, ko te kore moni e takoto ana e ata oti ai; ma te kohikohi mai ano ia o waho e taea ai. Tenei ano pea he tokomaha e ngakau nui ana ki te maka mai i te kohikohi, kei riro ma te kore moni e hoki iho ai te pai o tenei taonga nui o te iwi Maori, engari kia nuku ake te pai o te mea hou i to te ahua o mua ake nei. Ki te hiahia tetahi ki te tuku