

making for Raukokore, where we were due for Sunday. It was very tempting to cross the river lower down, which would have saved us a three hours' ride. However, we let prudence have her say, as we had heard that the crossing lower down was dangerous, and we rode back the way we had come, past Mr Holt's. We lunched at Cape Runaway, had a cup of tea at Mr Walker's, and reached Raukokore as the sun was setting gloriously into the sea between White Island, which was sending out a volume of steam, and the headland. It was a beautiful sight. We were the guests of Mr and Mrs Sterling. After tea we met the leading Maoris who came up to the house. I spoke of the re-roofing of the Church, and the transfer of the Church land to the Diocese. Both matters were taken up with enthusiasm. Mrs Sterling then and there promised to hand over the land, and before I came away, about £15 had been collected in cash for the re-roofing of the Church.

Sunday, 12th, at 11 a.m., we had Matins and Holy Communion, when there were thirty-two communicants, and at 3 p.m. I held a Confirmation, when Hakaraia presented thirteen candidates. I had tea and spent the night with Mr Neilson, a trout fisherman, and therefore a kindred-spirit. At 7.30 p.m. we had Evensong (English) in the Church, when there was a good congregation.

Monday, 13th: We were away again, heading for Te Kaha. We lunched at Mr Fairweather's on the way. This is a delightful little home, commanding a glorious view. After lunch I played a game of croquet and felt refreshed. Eventually we reached Te Kaha at about 5 p.m. It has been a very hot day, and we were glad to get to our destination.

I must close this abruptly in order to catch the mail. Tomorrow I am leaving for Ruatoki.

I am,

Yours sincerely in Christ,
WM. WALMSLEY WAIAPU.

Hukarere School.

Wanted at the end of June for Hukarere School, a lady as Sub-Matron. For particulars apply to Miss Williams, Box 41, Napier; or Miss Bulstrode, Hukarere School, Napier.

Bishop's Engagements.

April 2nd (Sunday): Wairoa, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion, Ruataniwha; 3 p.m., Memorial Service and Dedication of Memorial Tablet to Sergeant Hooper, in S. Paul's, Wairoa; 7 p.m., Confirmation, Wairoa.

April 3rd: Vestry meeting, Frasertown.

April 5th: Leave for Mohaka; evening service (Maori).

April 6th: Return to Wairoa.

April 8th: Leave for Nuhaka.

April 9th (Sunday): Nuhaka, 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 3 p.m., Evensong (Maori); 7 p.m., Evensong (English).

April 10th: Return to Wairoa.

April 11th: Leave for Waikaremoana.

April 14th: Return from Waikaremoana.

April 15th: Leave for Timiroto.

April 16th (Sunday): 11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion, Timiroto; 7 p.m., Evensong at Frasertown, and return to Wairoa.

April 17th: Leave by coach for Gisborne.

April 21st (Good Friday): Take the Three Hours' Meditation in Holy Trinity, Gisborne.

April 23rd (Easter Day): Holy Trinity, Gisborne.

April 30th (Sunday): 11 a.m., preach at S. Augustine's, Napier 7 p.m., preach at Cathedral.

May 1st: Leave for General Synod at Christchurch.

The Rev. J. H. Squire, a London Nonconformist minister, told a story at a Plymouth meeting recently of Sir John French. He was some years ago in a railway carriage in which some military officers were discussing the question: Who was the better strategist, Wellington or Napoleon? They were not agreed, and put the question to a superior officer who entered the compartment. The officer said Napoleon was the better strategist. "But how could that be, seeing that Wellington won the battle of Waterloo?" "God won the battle of Waterloo," was the unhesitating reply, and the officer who made it was Sir John French.

Lessons.

May 7th.

(Second Sunday after Easter.)

Subject —

THE LORD'S HOUSE.

Scripture Texts: 1 Chron. xxii., 2 Chron. xxiv., xxvi. 16, 1 Kings v. - vii, 2 Chron. xxxvi. 19, John ii. 13 - 22.

Describe shortly Solomon's Temple. Erected by command of God: Show picture: Built of best materials procurable, made as beautiful as possible—exactly suited for its purpose: The money and material and labour willingly given. 2 Chron iii. 10. Its furniture — (1) the brazen altar of burnt offering, (2) the golden altar of incense, (3) the table for the shew bread, (4) the golden candlesticks, (5) the beautiful hangings, (6) the Holy of Holies with its golden figures of angels shadowing the Mercy Seat.

This afterwards destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, but rebuilt seventy years afterwards. In the second Temple Jesus worshipped. He called it God's House, "My House"; He paid His contribution to support it. He drove out those who misused it. He attended its Dedication Festival.

The Christian Church, too, has its TEMPLES or CHURCHES, with altars. The Jews had only one temple and many meeting houses or synagogues. We have a great many temples—we call them cathedrals, parish churches, etc. Some of the cathedrals are very old and took very many years to build; they are very beautiful; men have given the very best they could get for God's glory. Describe a typical Church: (1) Its shape—a cross—sometimes with towers or a belfry and sometimes a steeple with a cross on the top pointing to Heaven; the nave, or middle part, the aisles or side parts, the chancel, the sanctuary; sometimes side chapels. (2) Inside the door a FONT, — why? (3) The lectern and pulpit in the nave, — why? (4) The altar and its ornaments—in the sanctuary or Holy of Holies—compare with temple.

The Church is consecrated (c/- the Dedication of the Temple,—2