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The Bishop's Engagements.

October 8th.—Wairoa.

October 15th.—Wairoa Country District.

October 22nd.—Taradale.

October 29th.—Porangahau.

November 5th.—Gisborne.

November 12th.—Patutahi.

November 19th.—Waerenga-a-hika.

November 26th.—Te Karaka.

Te Aute College.

JUBILEE COMMEMORATION SERVICE.

Te Aute College had a great day on September 9th. The clerical and lay members of Synod, the girls of Hukarere School, many old Te Aute boys and friends from all parts of Hawke's Bay took part in two services that will long be remembered. Mr E. C. Loten, the principal of the college, the Rev. A. Neild, M.A. (chaplain to the college), and the Rev. Canon A. Williams, B.A., welcomed the guests on behalf of the staff and the Board of Governors. The jubilee service was held in the open air near the west

door of the chapel. It began with a lesson from Ecclesiastius, chapter 44, verses 1 to 15. Then followed a hymn and a special bidding prayer. Then came the Versicles and responses, collects and another hymn, then an address by the Rev. Pine Tamahori, an old boy. The preacher took for his text, "O death, where is thy sting?" "O grave, where is thy victory?"

The preacher eulogised the characters of the two great men of the old college, Archdeacon Samuel Williams and Mr John Thornton, the founder and first headmaster. The fame of these two gentlemen would live forever in the hearts of all old boys, for the great aim of these beloved founders was not to make the Maori a European, but to preserve the Maori as a Maori, retaining all the customs of that great race, together with the best characteristics of the pakeha. It was to this end that the college was now progressing and he was quite confident that the good work of the late Archdeacon Samuel Williams and the late Mr John Thornton had not been in vain.

The psalm "Lord Thou hast been our refuge" was said, and the Bishop pronounced the blessing.

The visitors were then entertained at luncheon by the college authorities.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE.

The foundation stone of the first part of the new college buildings was laid at 2.30. The service began with a procession of clergy, old boys, present scholars, Hukarere girls, the governors and others, from the chapel to the site of the new building. During the procession the hymn, "O God Our Help," was sung. The Te Aute boys sang the psalm "Nisi Dominus," No. 127, to a plainsong chant.

His Grace, the Archbishop of New Zealand, laid the foundation stone, which bears the following inscription:—"To the glory of God and to commemorate the jubilee of this college, founded by Samuel Williams, Missionary to the Maoris, and afterwards first Archdeacon of Hawke's Bay, this stone was laid by Churchill, Archbishop of New Zealand, Septem-

ber 9th, 1922."

The Archbishop then delivered an eloquent address. We regret that in this Synod number we have no space to record it.

Mr T. E. Crosse, chairman of the Te Aute Trustees, having briefly addressed the assemblage, the Ven. Archdeacon H. W. Williams read an account of the history of the college, written by Mr F. W. Williams, who was too ill to be present. The whole of this account will be found in the "Hawke's Bay Herald" for September 11th.

Mrs Ellison, a grand-daughter of Hapuku, the donor of the land, addressed the assemblage in Maori, exhorting the boys to become God-fearing citizens, unashamed and trustworthy.

The Hon. A. T. Ngata, an old boy of the college, stated that very soon the Williams family would be celebrating their 100th anniversary of their landing in New Zealand and since that date the Maori had no truer friends. But for their generosity Hukarere College and Te Aute would never have seen the light of day. He said that the new buildings meant a new era to the college, but there was one thing he would like to see and that was the Maori customs brought more into the life of the present generation. Even at this gathering he did not see enough of the representatives of the various tribes present. If the trustees allowed it, and he was voicing the opinions of the old boys and many others, they would see that the trustees be relieved of the duty of decorating the inside of the new assembly hall. He thought that it should be appropriately carved and decorated as far as the style of architecture permitted. On behalf of some of the old boys he wished to hand Mr Crosse £50 for that purpose.

After other Maori speakers had addressed the pupils of the college, the Archbishop gave the blessing and the procession reformed and marched back to the chapel.

"To a great extent we could overcome class distinctions if there were no women."—Vicar of —,—"Evening Paper.