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Diocesan Synod.

The usual services in connection with the opening of Synod were held on Friday, 14th September. The Ven. Archdeacon Williams (the Bishop's Commissary) celebrated at 7.15 a.m., and the Sung Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. was taken by Canon Maclean. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr P. W. Tombs through illness the Ven. Archdeacon Chatterton officiated as organist. The organist and most of the visiting clergy were not familiar with the free rhythm setting of Mörbecke that has been used in the Cathedral since the choir festival and a tendency towards stiffness rather marred the service, but, under the circumstances, this could not be avoided. We hope the free rhythm setting will be generally adopted in the diocese and be familiar to all the clergy before the next diocesan function. The Rev. Alfred Hodge was the preacher.

On Sunday the Commissary celebrated at 8 a.m. and the Dean at 11. Evensong was sung by the Rev. T. Fisher. The Rev. V. Bianchi addressed the children at 3 p.m.

The Bishop, owing to illness, was unable to preside over the Synod and his place was taken by his Commissary, Archdeacon Williams. The Archdeacon delivered a very interesting address (fully reported in the "Herald" of September 15th and 17th). There was not much urgent business before the Synod and the session was comparatively short. We give a resume of the reports of the various diocesan institutions:—

ST. MARY'S HOME.

Various speakers pointed out the very urgent necessity for rebuilding certain portions of St. Mary's Home, Burlington road, which have been condemned by the public health authorities. The work of the home has been of a most satisfactory character. In addition to performing its ordinary mission, the home has received delicate babies and as many other destitute infants as it could accommodate, but has had to refuse many urgent cases. It is of the utmost importance to raise a considerable sum for its immediate needs. The home belongs not to Napier only, but to the whole diocese, and the splendid work of Nurse Carter, its matron, was warmly commended by the Dean, Canon Rice, Canon Maclean, and others. The home has received with gratitude many gifts of food, etc., from a large number of people who appreciate its value. It is hoped that money will be freely subscribed from all parts of the diocese for the necessary rebuilding.

ST. HILDA'S HOME.

This home has done splendid work during the year, but has been full for a long time, and very many applications for admission have had to be refused. It is not intended to enlarge the home, as the policy of the Chapter is to provide real "homes" not large institutions. Miss Waller's work as matron was spoken of in the highest terms of appreciation. She has made the home undoubtedly a model of what such homes should be.

ABBOTSFORD HOME.

This home is the gift of the Rath-

bone brothers and the Rathbone trustees, and is to be built at Waipawa as soon as possible. Plans and specifications are in course of preparation, and the work should be begun almost immediately.

TE AUTE COLLEGE.

The trustees reported the opening of one of the new buildings at Te Aute and the laying of the foundation of another. The work of the school during the year had been most satisfactory, and reflected great credit on the principal (Mr E. C. Loten) and the chaplain (Rev. A. Neild, M.A.) Several boys had matriculated during the year and obtained a high standard of marks. One boy had obtained a senior national scholarship and one a special law scholarship. The Government had decided to reduce its grant to the College and to provide instead more Government scholarships. In the Buller Scholarship examination the boys had held their own against all other schools, its seven candidates coming higher on the list than those of any outside schools. The list includes:—Matriculation examination, four complete and one partial pass; one senior national scholarship; one law scholarship; the Buller and Senior Makarini scholarships; 13 public service entrance passes.

ST. WINIFRED'S SCHOOL.

This school has had a very successful first year, having succeeded in paying its working expenses out of income. There still remains a heavy mortgage (£3650), which must be wiped off as soon as possible, but the success of the school is assured, as it has won for itself a reputation as one of the best girls' schools in the Dominion. It closed the year with 43 pupils. The Education Board's Inspector had reported very favorably indeed both on the efficiency of the school from a scholastic point of view and on its excellent tone.

WAERENGA-A-HIKA COLLEGE.

This school suffers from a serious handicap. The receipts from endowment have barely covered the ex-