

Abbotsford Home.

THE MATRON.

The Chapter has appointed Deaconess Elsie Smith as Matron of Abbotsford. The deaconess leaves England on October 9th. She has had full training as a nurse at the Prince of Wales General Hospital, London, for four years and the medical officers of the Hospital speak very highly of her work there. She has worked in the parishes of St. Andrew's, Lambeth; St. Mark's, Newcastle on Tyne; and All Souls, Haley Hill, Halifax; and for 3 years in a Medical Mission, principally for children. She is a very keen Church worker and a good pianist and organist.

THE OPENING.

The Home will be opened shortly after the arrival of the Matron, say early in December.

THE FURNISHING.

Canon Maclean has had a fair response to his appeal for furnishings, including to date cash amounting to £65. There is, however, a great deal more required yet. Some parishes have not responded to the appeal, though we know they are thinking about it. Others are still at work and will have more to send. It is necessary to get busy at once. We are sure that if the urgency of the Home's needs is once realised we shall have no difficulty in obtaining what is required.

It should be understood that the Home, though situated in Waipawa, is a **Diocesan** and not a **Parochial** institution. It will receive children from all parts of the diocese and will depend for its support upon the help of the Bay of Plenty and Poverty Bay as well as upon that of Hawke's Bay. At the present time it needs contributions from the whole diocese towards its furnishing. The first appeal for this purpose has been made to Hawke's Bay parishes, but we hope every parish in the diocese will do its share. Parishes outside Hawke's Bay cannot conveniently send actual furniture but they can easily send money to be expended in purchasing it.

We need the money to buy at least 25 bedsteads, etc., at once; a large number of blankets, sheets, pillows and pillow cases and quilts; towels, tables, and lots of other things.

WHERE TO SEND THEM.

Canon Butterfield, Waipawa, will take charge of all gifts until a caretaker is appointed.

ENDOWMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

We are delighted to be able to announce that the Rathbone Trustees

have decided to supplement their gift of nearly £9000 out of which the building was erected, and have now made a further grant of £3500 as an endowment. The total cost of maintenance will amount to over £1000 per annum. This will have to be provided from (1) gifts specially allotted for the purpose, (2) fees received from the relatives of the children, (3) the interest on the endowment, (4) the remainder from the General Diocesan Fund.

There are many ways in which you can help.

(1) If you are within moderately easy reach, by gifts in kind (material for clothes, jam and other provisions, vegetables, etc).

(2). By donations and annual subscriptions, either (a) direct to the Diocesan Secretary (Box 227, Napier), or (b) per medium of the General Diocesan Fund (Mr A. E. T. Williams, Box 227, Napier). Donations in money should not be sent to the Home but to Box 227.

(3) By increasing the endowment—either during your lifetime or by legacy.

(4) By general support of the General Diocesan Fund.

SOCIAL WORK.

All the social work of the Church in this Diocese is under the management of the Chapter; its finances are in the hands of the Standing Committee. The maintenance of St. Mary's Home (rescue work and babies), St. Hilda's (children), Abbotsford (children), and all other similar work is a first charge on the General Diocesan Fund. You can be certain that everything you contribute to the Church's "Self-denial Fund" will be economically and carefully expended for the relief of suffering and of poverty, and the reclamation of the erring.

The social work of the Church knows no distinction of class or sect. It is as much unsectarian and undenominational as that of any other religious organisation. Why should it be hampered by such a serious lack of support from Anglicans who give so freely to the same work when done by other religious denominations? Give your help to your own Church and you will be surprised what magnificent results she will achieve. To realise this you have only to visit St. Mary's Home and St. Hilda's and see what is already being done.

We have no hesitation in saying, what everyone who knows St. Mary's and St. Hilda's will corroborate, that there is no Children's Home in New Zealand to equal St. Hilda's, and no rescue Home to surpass (or perhaps to equal) St. Mary's; and we are confident that Abbotsford, too, will set a standard of efficiency that will be hard to beat. Anglicans cannot pos-

sibly find a better administrator of their charity than their own Church, and when they help her they are not only helping the outcast, the orphans, and the poor, but they are helping their own Church to fulfil the mission which our Lord has committed to her.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto Me."

Heretaunga School.

It may not be generally known that the splendid school at Havelock North, known as Heretaunga, is now practically, though not yet technically, a Diocesan school. This has been made possible by the generous action of the majority of shareholders in donating their shares to the Church and by the very generous financial assistance of a well-known Churchman.

Under the management of the Rev. J. G. Castle, M.A., and a capable staff the school is doing splendid work with which the Government inspectors are highly satisfied. The number of pupils has been rapidly increasing and is now 45. You could not send a young boy to a better school. "Good wine needs no bush." The school is making its own reputation and would no doubt in time (as soon as its character and results become known) be crowded without any advertisement; but naturally we want to make it financially self-supporting as quickly as possible. The purpose of this article is therefore just to let you know and to ask you to inquire from the parents of present pupils what they think of its tone and efficiency. We have no doubt of the result of such inquiries.

The school accepts pupils between the ages of 6 and 14.

A prospectus may be obtained from the headmaster.

Morals in High Schools.

A Committee on Character Education, appointed by the Board of Education of New York, has recently completed a year's survey of moral conditions in the high schools. In its report the Committee points out that conditions have so changed in the last twenty years that the character of the student body is entirely different. A cosmopolitan high school is really a cross-section of the great city itself, and includes representatives of every class, race, creed, and color. This means that the class of criminals is also represented, and the school disciplinarian must often call on the police for help, and must often feel the need of training in detective work, as well as psychiatrists, psychologists, finger-print experts, and so