

The new church of St. James, South-bridge, was consecrated on August 20th.

Nurse Maude, the "Florence Nightingale" of Christchurch, was called to her rest on July 13th. We reprint elsewhere a beautiful tribute from the Church News to the work and memory of this true "Saint of God."

Waiapu.—The Ven. Archdeacon Maclean notified his annual parishioners' meeting that he had obtained the Bishop's permission to visit England next year. He intends to leave in January, and will be absent for about twelve months.

The Rev. F. L. Frost, vicar of Tara-dale, notified his parishioners at the annual meeting that he would be leaving the parish on December 31st next, after a ministry of nine years.

Synod will be asked to consider the question of releasing the Very Rev. Dean Brocklehurst for some months, in order that he may visit England to raise funds for the rebuilding of the Cathedral. The beautiful church of St. John's, Napier, was totally destroyed in the earthquake of February, 1931. Should the proposal be agreed to Dean Brocklehurst will have the prayers and good wishes of the whole diocese for the success of his mission. It will be remembered that the Dean was badly injured in the church, being in the midst of Communion Service when the disaster occurred. Happily, he made a splendid recovery and will be well able to undertake this strenuous task.

Dunedin.—The Ven. Archdeacon L. G. Whitehead, M.A., was instituted as vicar of the Parish of All Saints' Dunedin, on July 3rd, in the presence of a large attendance of parishioners and clergy. The new vicar is Warden of Selwyn College and co-editor of the "Envoy."

News has been received of the engagement of the Right Rev. W. H. Baddeley, Bishop of Melanesia, to Miss Mary Katherine Thomas, youngest daughter of Dr. Thomas, the Bishop of Adelaide. It is expected that they will be married in November, pay a visit to England, and then go together to Melanesia in May of next year. Miss Thomas has been very prominent in kindergarten work, and for the past three or four years has been director of the kindergarten

department of the Church of England Grammar School in Adelaide.

A Correction.—The Editor may occasionally state a case "badly," but he does not as a rule advertise the fact to the world at large. In the article on War in our August issue "badly," on the second line from the bottom of the second column, should read "badly." Also the phrase in the next column, "we can win yet," should be "we can even yet."

THE PASSING OF NURSE MAUDE.

So much has been printed concerning the passing of Nurse Maude in the daily press that there remains little report for us to add. We cannot but be thankful that she who had spent her whole working life relieving the sickness and distress of others was spared the misery of a long illness or years of physical inability to carry on her beloved work. If ever New Zealand had a true Saint of God it was Nurse Maude. As Mr. Howard happily described her, she was literally the Lady of the Lamp to the poor of Christchurch, a true follower of Florence Nightingale, but even more truly a follower of the Great Healer, Consoler and Saviour. She walked in His footsteps every day and hour and minute of those 40 years of active service, and it was a happy thought that arrayed her for her lying-in-state in the familiar bonnet and pale blue dress that were her passport to the homes of the poor and distressed. For the younger generation Nurse Maude had become so much a part of the social landscape, so to speak, that it was not till she had so suddenly departed from us that the immense value of her work, the glory of her personality, was realised. To many the history of her great Christian achievement was as news when it was published. To think that 40 years ago this cultured, delicately nurtured, clever woman abandoned a position of trust, importance, emolument and interests as matron of the Christchurch Public Hospital to give her whole heart and all her time of day and night to ministering to the sick poor of the city, without other thought than the relief of their needs as Christ would have succoured

them had He walked our streets, is to recall one of the most encouraging examples of what faith in Christ can accomplish in man or woman. It mattered not to her what faith or unfaith her patients or clients had, her ministrations fell on the just and the unjust; but we are proud to recall that she was a Churchwoman who found the spiritual strength to go on and on and on in the "Church of England" and at our Catholic altars. In those early days when she tramped on foot the purlieus of Christchurch it was to the Deaconess House—the Community of the Sacred Name of to-day—that she returned each day, foot-sore and weary of body, as to a home both physical and spiritual; and that loving fellowship with the Sisters she maintained throughout her working life. We are glad to feel that it was another sterling Churchwoman, Lady Rhodes, who befriended her work and helped so greatly to set it firmly on its feet and to extend its scope. But hitherto it has been the personality and the work of Nurse Maude which has been the strong foundation on which the nursing service has been built. An anonymous contributor has put into verse the thoughts that should move us as we contemplate the Madras street building, now empty of her bodily presence, but filled with her loving spirit:

"Hush! Everyone's friend is sleeping—

ing—

Let her rest.

And they who know her best

Will know what she would wish.

No stately monument of stone,

But her work carried on;

Her sick and sad and lonely visited
and helped,

Her old folks cheered and comforted,

Her hungry fed, and not with bread
alone,

But with the love and courage that
she brought.

Then she, on waking, will look
round

And, smiling, see we loved her,

And the Lord Christ for Whom in
these she wrought."

The Church she loved loved to honour her with the beauty of solemn music and stately prayer. They carried the casket containing her mortal remains into the Cathedral and left it