
NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AND OPENED

The newly-erected Alton Anglican Church had its official opening on Tuesday afternoon, when a large gathering of parishioners and visitors were present. The Rev. J. E. Jones and Messrs. A. J. Leigh and W. A. Taylor, on behalf of the people of the district, requested the Archdeacon of Waitotara, the Ven., J. R. Young, M.A., to dedicate the church.

Standing on the church steps, Archdeacon Young performed the dedication ceremony, while prayer was offered. Then, in the absence of Mrs. T. Forman, who was to have opened the church, Archdeacon Young opened the door and the clergy and people crowded in.

A choir sang a carol and Mesdames G. W. Corbett and N. Masters, accompanied by Mrs. A. A. Carey, sang "Bless This House." Mrs. G. W. Corbett was organist for the shortened evensong service.

Visiting clergy included the Rev. G. P. Cook, (a former local vicar who read the lesson), A. Pyatt and H. Dryburgh (Hawera), L. M. King (Eltham) and L. R. Keith (Waverley).

Following the service afternoon tea was served in the public hall. Speakers were the Rev. S. W. Wyness (Presbyterian Church), the Rev. G. P. Cook, (Greytown), Mr. R. E. Moore (Methodist Church), Mrs. H. J. Clements (a former resident, now of Eketahuna) and Mr. J. C. Amos (Levin), son of the donor of the section.
