

# New Church at Mokau Consecrated

Before a large congregation the new Anglican church of St. Peter-by-the-Sea was consecrated at Mokau on Saturday, St. James' Day, by the Rt. Rev. J. T. Holland, Bishop of Waikato.

The bishop, attended by his chaplain, the Rev. G. A. Butt, New Plymouth, was received by the west door by the vicar of Mokau, the Rev. A. B. Pywell, and the churchwardens.

After special dedicatory prayers and the dedication of a memorial sanctuary chair, the bishop ordered the sentence of consecration to be read by the acting chancellor of the Waikato Diocese, Mr. A. C. Fookes, after which the bishop signed the sentence and ordered the documents to be preserved among the muniments of the diocese. The bishop then declared the church to be consecrated under the name of St. Peter-by-the-Sea. Holy Communion was celebrated by the bishop.

The Ven. Archdeacon G. H. Gavin, New Plymouth, preached the sermon. He congratulated the vicar and parishioners on paying off the debt on the church, thereby enabling it to be consecrated and set apart completely for the worship of God.

At a luncheon in the Mokau hall provided by the women of the parish the vicar said the church, built last year and dedicated on November 1, was valued at £2000 without furnishings and would seat 110. The actual cost of the building, due to the number of gifts and voluntary labour, was only £686/19/-.

Other clergy present were the Ven. A. B. Pywell, Archdeacon of Central Otago, the Revs. R. S. Coldham-Fussell (Inglewood), M. N. Richards (Fitzroy), L. P. G. Smith (Stratford), F. A. Saunders (Piopio) and W. A. Garraway (Te Kuiti). Also robed were Mr. R. Day (Fitzroy), lay canon and diocesan lay reader, and Mr. D. W. Kemp (Piopio), lay reader.