

ENGLISH CHURCH.—The foundation block of the church here was formally laid on Tuesday. The ceremony was performed by Mrs David Hunter, of Kenilworth, who went through the routine of using the square, &c. in the orthodox fashion, naming the Church St. Stephen's. The services were conducted by the Rev Mr Dasent, assisted, by Mr Horner, Whenuakura. There was a very fair attendance of the members and adherents of the church here, with a sprinkling of strangers from Patea. When finished, the church will be a great convenience to the worshippers in connection with that body, as the school-room feels anything but convenient, and the arrangements not very satisfactory. With a Sabbath-school in one division and service held in the other, there seems something like jarring.