

Notes on New Zealand Churches

ST ANDREW'S, PALMERSTON NORTH. This Church, seating 500, was dedicated in 1957, and cost £60,000. It is probably the most notable piece of new building in the Presbyterian Church for many years. Choir and organ are sited at the rear, in the upper storey of a large tower. The interior plan is a severe, hall-shaped nave, with beautiful aisles. The architect was the late Mr W. Gray Young, F.R.I.B.A., who stepped into the front rank in his early twenties, and maintained a high reputation throughout a long career. The Minister, since 1934, has been the Revd. John Hubbard, B.D.

ST AIDAN'S, PUTARURU. The plan of this church has been influenced by the Liturgical Movement. The body of the building, seating 250, has the shape of a large slice of sponge cake, almost a full quadrant; the rear wall of local stone is curved. At the opposite end of the building is a broad sanctuary with a curved stone wall, lit from above; a kind of large reredos, with doors at either side. The radial side-walls are tinted glass, from floor to ceiling. The church, erected during the ministry of the Revd. Ian Milner, is a monument to his energy and vision. The present incumbent is the Revd. A. R. W. Ross, B.D.

ST ANDREW'S, WELLINGTON. St Andrew's, Wellington, founded in 1840, is the oldest parish church in this country, of any Communion. The present Building, 1923, occupies a central site a short distance from the Parliament Building. Externally, it has very considerable dignity in the classic style. There is a large portico, with columns and a spire of outstanding merit. The interior reflected the taste of other days, with its fine plaster-ceiling, barrel-vaulted, and a noble centre pulpit of rosewood. Behind the pulpit stood the pipe organ, cased in oak. A major re-arrangement was carried out, and re-dedicated in 1962. A central aisle was provided; the choir was placed in the large gallery at the rear of the Church, and a fine new organ installed behind them. This made possible a spacious simple chancel, with seats for Ministers and Elders; and a massive Holy Table in the midst. There is a new Font, and the old pulpit and lectern were re-fitted in new positions. The architect for the work was an elder of the congregation, Mr Ian F. Calder, A.R.I.B.A., a partner of Mr W. Gray Young, who has done many brilliant re-arrangements of older churches. The Minister of St Andrews through the period was the Revd. J. S. Somerville, to whose tasteful guidance the scheme owed much.



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