

3. Friendship and laughter can be,
A bond of our love and unity,
Lets praise our God and thank him,
The wonders we share now - You and Me,
You can be my friend - Here I am,
You can accept me - As I am,
Life in itself is worth living -
In God's Plan.

Sing out sing a song, Children sing our song,
WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD,
WE ARE THE CREATION OF GOD,
WE ARE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
Sing, sing, sing along, Children sing our song
Children sing our song,
Children sing our song,
CHILDREN SING OUR SONG.

Final Blessing

RECESSIONAL:

God of Nations! At thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices we entreat
God defend our freeland
Guard Pacific's triple start
From the shafts of strife and war
Make her praises heard afar
God defend New Zealand.

E Ihowa, Atua, Ona Iwi!
Matoura Ata Whakarongona
Me Aroha noa
Kiahua korepai
Kia tau toata whai
Mana akitia nga
Aotearoa

Men of every creed and race
Gather here before thy face
Asking thee to bless this place
God defend our freeland
From discension, envy, hate,
and corruption guard our state
Make our country good and great
God defend New Zealand.



OUR PIPE ORGAN

By Gerard van den Bemd.

I have been asked to write some interesting information about the Parish Pipe Organ and how it became a reality.

Three years were spent on the design of a most cost-effective pipe-organ, originally for the Onehunga church. This knowledge was applied to our situation later on. It probably became the first organ without pedalboard to be built with 16' pedal melody available on its manual, so that some listeners might think that the organist also plays with the feet. This organ has been thus designed to obtain pedalbass effect from organists who cannot play the pedals, so that pianists can easily play it. Therefore, perhaps we are never short of organists.

One and a half years were spent obtaining pledges from parishioners. The amounts were collected after well over half the total requirement had been pledged, which meant making second visits.

80 contributors, including the Franciscans, paid towards the total cost of \$2080 (in today's value \$20,444). Donations varied between \$1 and \$570 (today - \$9.83 & \$5603).

The organ was partly completed and first used at Xmas 1970 and completed early in 1971.

At the time, articles with a photo appeared in several newspapers, including the Zealandia and N.Z. Tablet, which claimed a saving of about half the cost of a usual organ. The Auckland Star also printed an article with photos. Today the organ continues in unmodified but recently revoiced form to serve our worshipping community.

(Gerard modestly omitted to say that HE did all the collecting, oversaw the design, ordering and installation - Ed.)