

## Diocesan News.

The Bishop of Auckland being too unwell to take the Trinity Sunday Ordination, Bishop Williams kindly undertook the journey to Auckland and ordained three Priests and a Deacon. It must surely have been an experience quite unique for a Bishop to ordain an Englishman, a Maori, and a Chinaman to the Priesthood at the same Ordination. The Deacon ordained was a son of the Venerable Archdeacon Calder.

The Rev. F. C. Long, Vicar of Waipiro, has resigned his "Cure," having been accepted by the New Zealand Church Missionary Association as one of its Missionaries. The Home Committee of the C.M.S. has decided to send him to India, but where, or in what capacity, is not at present definitely settled. Mr. Long has done good and faithful service in his large district, probably one of the biggest parishes in New Zealand, and will be much missed. Many prayers will follow him to his new sphere of labour. The New Zealand Church Missionary Association has already two Missionaries at work in India, both ladies.—Miss Florence Smith at Ellore, and Miss N. B. Giffard at Girgaon,—but Mr. Long is the first Clergyman to be sent out by it.

It is hoped that the whole of the funds requisite to send Mr. Long out to India may be raised by means of a "Link" scheme, whereby different branches of the Gleaners' Union, Sunday Schools, or individuals undertake to give, year by year, one or more "Links" of £1 value to help make up the "Chain" which will stretch from New Zealand to India. A number of links have already been taken up in the Diocese; why should not the whole amount be raised by us?

The Rev. G. Digby Wilson has resigned the district of Te Puke, and has accepted the parish to be vacated by Mr. Long. Mr. Wilson has done good work in a somewhat difficult parish, and will find ample scope for his energies in the district to which he is going.

The Rev. G. W. Davidson, of Puketapu, Curate of Taradale, has been offered the charge of Tolaga Bay Parochial District and has accepted it. A new Vicarage is shortly to be erected in the district, and Mr. Davidson will probably start work in the spring. We regret to announce that the Rev. William Robinson, the former Vicar of the district, is still too unwell to undertake parochial work.

We regret very much that the Rev. J. Hobbs, after twenty years earnest and faithful work in the parish of Hastings, has felt it necessary to resign his "Cure," feeling that the parish, which has grown so wonderfully in the last few years, needs as its Vicar, a younger man. We pray that Mr. Hobbs may long be enabled to continue his good work for the Church and in this Diocese.

Canon Jordan, Vicar of Tauranga, has sufficiently recovered from his serious illness to be able to go away to Auckland for change. The Rev. Davies is acting as *locum tenens*.

The death of Mr. A. Kempthorne, Churchwarden of Te Karaka, has removed from the Church Militant a keen and zealous worker, and an old and highly respected Church officer. We offer to Mrs. Kempthorne our sincere sympathy.

The Rev. Nirai Runga, who died at Moteo on the 12th June, had been 26 years in the ministry of the Anglican Church, being stationed for the greater part of that time at Moteo. Deceased, who was 70 years of age, was a personal friend of the late Archdeacon Samuel Williams, and also of Bishop W. L. Williams, who conducted the burial service.

**FINANCE.**—As the 30th June is the close of the financial year it is necessary that all special offertories, donations, and subscriptions for the Church Society, Maori Mission, Melanesian Mission, Bishopric Endowment Fund, and other Trust Funds, and also all assessments should be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, Mr. J. B. Fielder, before that date to enable him to close his accounts. Many such moneys have not already been forwarded, will those responsible kindly send them in *at once*.

**LICENSES.**—Permission to officiate in the Diocese has been granted to the Rev. H. S. Davies, who is relieving Canon Jordan at Tauranga. Mr. Davies has also been appointed Surrogate for that parish.

Letters of orders as Deacons have been issued to Robert George Coates and to Herbert Collier, and as Priest to Herbert Harold Robjohns, B.Sc. (London), who were ordained by the Bishop in the Cathedral on Trinity Sunday, 22nd May, 1910.

Licenses as Assistant Curates have been issued to Rev. R. G. Coates to Napier Parish, Rev. Herbert Collier to Waipawa Parish, and Rev. H. H. Robjohns to Havelock Parish.

Mr. Wm. James Hicks has been licensed as a Lay Reader for the District of Te Karaka, to work at the East Coast railway works.

**LAY REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DIOCESAN SYNOD.**—At the Synod of 1907, it was decided that each Parish or Parochial District should elect Lay Representatives to the Synod on the following basis:—

Parishes with Church Population of:	Number of Synodsmen.
1000 or under	ONE
1000—2000	TWO
Above 2000	THREE

—(The Cathedral Parish being allotted one extra Representative).

Under the provisions of Diocesan Canon III., there will be an election of Lay Representatives to the Diocesan Synod at the Parish Meetings to be held this month or next. The following are the number of Representatives for each Electoral District:—Napier Parish, 4 members; Hastings and Gisborne Parishes, Dannevirke District, 3 each; Waipawa, Waipukurau, and Taradale Parishes, Port Ahuriri with Petane, S. Augustine's Napier, Ormondville with Makotuku, Woodville, Wairoa, Opotiki, and Rotorua Districts, 2 each; Havelock, Porangahau, and Tauranga Parishes, Te Puke, Waipiro, Tolaga Bay, Waerenga-hika, Patutahi, Te Karaka, and Weber Districts, Heretaunga, Tauranga, and Tauranga N. Ch. Board Districts, 1 each. Total, 46 members.

## Meeting of Sunday School Teachers.

A well attended meeting of Sunday School teachers and others interested in Sunday School work, was held in S. John's Cathedral Schoolroom on the evening of Monday, May 23rd. The Bishop of the Diocese was in the chair.

After prayers, the Bishop gave an address on "Sunday School Work." Addressing those present as "Fellow Teachers," he expressed his gratitude for, and appreciation of, the work they had done and were doing for Christ and His Church. It had been his happiness, he stated, to teach in Sunday Schools for some thirty years; and so he had had abundant opportunity of knowing what ought to be done in a School and what ought to be avoided.

He impressed upon the teachers the absolute necessity for whole-hearted devotion in their work, pressing the point that children are influenced more by the character of the teachers than by the actual words which are said by them. Further, the lesson to be given must be thoroughly studied and pass, so to speak, through the teacher's soul.

Then it was important that the teacher should be punctual—indeed, be at the School before the class assemblies, so as to be able to enter into friendly talk with the children, and get to know about them and their interests.

The class too must be kept absolutely in order, interest being maintained by keeping the children alert through questions put—not to the class in regular order, but to members chosen here and there. The Bishop pointed out the mistake of spending time in getting children to read round in class and gave general advice as to the ordering and teaching of the School.

He reminded them that the object of the School was not simply to teach religious knowledge, but to lead the children on to worship. The School should be preparatory to Divine Worship in the Church. If special services were held for children, such should contain suitable portions of the Prayer Book services, so that the children might be rendered familiar with the Prayer Book.

He concluded by again expressing his pleasure at meeting them, and his prayer was that the Divine Blessing might ever rest upon their work—often done at the cost of considerable self-sacrifice.

Archdeacon Ruddock emphasised the question to which the Bishop had alluded as to the danger of the Sunday School becoming a substitute for the attendance of children at Divine Worship in the Church. He further suggested that it might be possible, in a place like Napier, to hold, month by month, central meetings for teachers and others, not for the immediate preparation of Sunday School lessons, but for study of the Bible, and lectures on such subjects as "Church History," "Christian Missions," and "Christian Evidences."

The Bishop having invited discussion, the Rev. H. P. Cowx said he was glad that the subject of attendance of children at Divine Service had been brought forward. It was most important. There was difficulty in the country, owing to the distance children had to travel to school; it was often a question whether it was not better for the