

was met at the school by the Chairman (Mr R. King) and several members of the Te Puke School Committee.

In the evening, a most successful welcome social was tendered to his Lordship. A few words of welcome were spoken by gentlemen representing the Church people in Te Puke and in the out-districts, by the Presbyterian missionary, by representatives of the town of Te Puke, and by the Chairman of the Te Puke Road Board. The Maoris were well to the fore with three welcome speeches and two songs. A musical programme enlivened the proceedings. The Bishop, in thanking the people for their hearty welcome, urged the Church people to stronger efforts on behalf of their Church. Before he left, the Bishop had shaken hands with everyone, and all felt they had made a true friend. No more representative and hearty welcome has ever been accorded any religious leader in Te Puke.

The day the Bishop left, we heard with astonishment and dismay of the death of King Edward VII. The next two Sundays were days of sorrow. The service on Friday, the 21st—the funeral day—was one of those services that one never forgets. The Te Puke Mounted Rifles and Cadets turned out in strong force, and St. John's Church was altogether too small for all who sought admission. On all sides were indications of a deep loyalty, and a real sympathy and sorrow.

On Sunday, June 5th, the Rev. G. D. Wilson preached his farewell sermons in Te Puke. On the 6th, the Rev. and Mrs Wilson were tendered a farewell social which was very well attended, and proved most enjoyable. Very many kind things were said, both of the Vicar and Mrs Wilson. Mrs Wilson was presented with a handsome piece of silver, and Mr Wilson with a purse of sovereigns. Mr C. Bishoprick, people's warden and Church Treasurer, who presided, announced that the somewhat considerable arrears of stipend were cleared off, something like £50 having been collected throughout the district in ten days.

Waipawa.

Vicar: Rev. H. P. Coux, M.A.

On Sunday morning, May 12th, at St. Peter's Church, the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese conducted a Confirmation Service. The Church was packed with a reverent congregation, and chairs had to be placed down the aisle. Twelve persons were presented for Confirmation. His Lordship, speaking from the text, St. Matthews iv. 4, in an earnest, able, and helpful address to the Confirmands, urged upon all present the need of the present day, not to pander to the body, but to think of the spiritual side of their natures; to be loyal to God in carrying out His Commands, to be loyal to the Church, to one another, to one's self. He pointed out the duties and obligations that were taken over by all those confirmed, the lessons to be learned, and the dangers to be avoided. It was a splendid address, and was listened to with close attention by all present. The singing was especially very hearty and good, the choir mustering in large numbers.

The Bishop preached at St. James's Church, Otane, at the afternoon service at 3, and at Te Aute in the evening at 7. Both services were well attended.

Waipukurau.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Martin.

The great event of the month has been the Bishop's first visit. His Lordship celebrated at the early service on Sunday, 5th instant, preached at Morning and Evening Prayer, and also at Onge Onge, 12 miles distant, in the afternoon. There were large congregations at all the services and the powerful addresses were keenly listened to.

On Monday, accompanied by the Vicar, he proceeded to Takapanu, preached in S. Mark's Church at Evening Prayer, and was then conducted to a largely attended reception in the Town Hall. Here addresses of welcome were offered by Mr. T. Hobson, on behalf of the parishioners, and by Mr. McCaw, on behalf of the Presbyterians.

On Tuesday, the party were driven to Ashley-Clinton by Mr. E. Price, lunched at Tangarewa Station, and attended an afternoon reception in the hall. Later they proceeded to Sherwood, where they were the guests of Mrs. White.

On Wednesday, Mr. E. R. White drove them to see several of the settlers and then to Mr. Lewis's residence at Makaretu, where they remained for the night.

On Thursday they returned to Waipukurau, where a reception was held in the Schoolroom, which had been beautifully arranged by the ladies as a drawing-room. Notwithstanding that the night was very wet, the room was well filled.

The Bishop not only addressed each gathering, but made the personal acquaintance of every one present, and charmed all by his eloquence and kindly manner.

The choir at Waipukurau has been much strengthened and improved under the leadership of Mr. C. Saunders.

The Rev. T. A. Meyer has concentrated his labours at Takapanu and the southern end of the parish, with a marked improvement in the attendances at the services, which are now held more frequently.

Weber.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Whibley.

SERVICES:

First Sunday— Waitahora. 11 Mangahe. 3 Mangatoro. 7	Third Sunday— Weber. 11 Ti Tree. 3 Wimbleton. 7
Second Sunday— Mangatuna. 11 Waipatiki. 3 Weber. 7	Fourth Sunday— Tahoukaretu Road. 11 Waione Road. 3 Weber. 7

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WEBER.—We are enabled to head our notes with the above name, Bishop Williams having consecrated our Church on the eve of All Saints' Day.

We were all pleased and thankful that Bishop Williams was enabled to come out to consecrate the first Church built between Dannevirke and the coast, particularly as he had always shown a lively interest in our young and growing Church District. At the same visit he held a Confirmation in the Mangatoro School, as well as in the Church, which then received its name. Thirty candidates were to have been presented, but it was such a wet day, that those from a distance could not possibly come, still 21 came forward.

Our little Sanctuary is thoroughly furnished with the requisites as aids to the reverent worship of Almighty God, and by the liberality of our people all is paid for.

We have obtained during the year a handsome font, which Archdeacon Ruddock sent down from Auckland, and Communion vessels, brass cross and vases, which Bishop Williams ordered for us from England.

A Guild of ladies in England is working for us an altar frontal, which is expected to arrive soon.

CHURCH ARMY.—The farmers of the Weber District have very generously responded to the Vicar's circular, asking for the gift of a fleece of wool at shearing time, or its value in money, to be sent Home to aid the Church Army in its noble endeavour to alleviate the distress caused by the scarcity of employment in the Home Country. Seventy-four persons in all sent in contributions in money or in kind. The 60 fleeces given were sold in Napier by Messrs. Williams and Kettle, who also kindly sent Home the money given by those who had already baled their wool—£22 9s. 6d. in all.

It is proposed that Weber should make itself responsible for the support of a Rescue Worker in the slums, as it is hoped that every year fleeces may be given. The amount to be raised is only £25 per annum. The fund was definitely inaugurated at Mangatoro on Ash Wednesday by Bishop Averill, who testified, from his personal knowledge, to the good work done by the Church Army; the offertory was devoted to this object.

Ormondville.

Vicar: Rev. M. Cockerill, B.A.

In this, the first number of our new Church Paper, it is not out of place to wish that it may have a long and vigorous life. A half-crown, which must be paid in advance, will secure the receipt through the post, of a copy of the paper every month. Will parishioners help to make the paper a success, financially, by sending their names and contributions to the Vicar, or to Mrs. Guy Callender, who has kindly consented to act as local Secretary. A report will be sent in every month of all Church news in the parish and the Vicar may add a leading or helpful thought to Church members.

We are pleased to record two marks of progress at Makotuku. The land adjoining the Church has been bought by the ready subscriptions of local parishioners. The Ladies' Guild here has resumed work, and meet every month at the Schoolhouse, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Rain. Before the August issue of this paper we shall have lost the valued help of Mr. and Mrs. Rain. Both have been ever ready to help in all good works, and Mrs. Rain's genial and cheery presence will be much missed. We wish them every success and happiness in their new home.

At Ormondville the Ladies' Guild will also have resumed operations, probably by the time this is printed. A great loss here also is imminent in the projected departure of Mr. Tom Hosking. No one in the district has been more deservedly popular than this gentleman. In all matters associated with the social welfare, recreation, and progress of the place he has taken a leading part. Sunday by Sunday for a long time he has acted as Lay Reader and as Choir-master. His place it may be difficult or even impossible to fill at present.