

On May 12th there left, not for another sphere of earthly work, but for her home beyond the veil, Miss Barbara Paterson. What she had been and done in the Church has been stated in another place and is too well known to need restating here. We know not where to look for such a mainstay to our Sunday School. God buries His Workmen but carries on His Work. Shall our flourishing Sunday School at Ormondville want adequate financial support now that its chief prop in this direction has been removed. The Vicar has every confidence that many willing helpers will come forward when the need arises for financial help.

BAPTISMS.

Alice Flora Perham, Sydney Ryan Sturm, Frank William Thomas Hardy.

MARRIAGE.

John Martin Collins and Violet May Blanche Johnson.

BURIALS.

Barbara Paterson, Dulcie Neal.

Gisborne.

Vicar: Rev. L. Dawson Thomas.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY.—On Trinity Sunday we observed the 36th anniversary of the opening of our Parish Church. Very large congregations were present at all services, especially at the 7 o'clock choral Evensong, when the Church was packed. A feature of the anniversary was the large number of Communicants at the two celebrations. The 11 o'clock celebration was choral, Merbeche's setting being used.

Thanks offerings, to be used for Church extension in the parish, were invited at all services, and, as a result, the Extension Fund will benefit to the amount of £320.

PROPOSED NEW PARISH CHURCH.—Matters in connection with the fund for erecting a new Central Church for the parish continues fairly satisfactory. There is now at interest a sum of over £1200 towards the Building Fund. The Vestry are floating a scheme of debentures and, if these are all taken up, it is expected that actual building operations will be commenced very shortly. The plans shew a very beautiful Church, to be built in brick, seating about 800 people. The present Church is hopelessly inadequate to accommodate our growing parish.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN'S SOCIETY.—We were bitterly disappointed that Mr. Woolcombe was unable to come to us, owing to his break-down in health. Mr. Woolcombe wrote to our Vicar stating that he too was disappointed, for he had heard that this was an ideal centre for founding a strong branch of the C.E.M.S. He most generously offered to pay all expenses if we could send a Delegate to the Conference in Wellington. Owing, however, to the short notice we were unable to accept his most kindly offer.

A branch of the Society has been formed in the parish, and already the members are busy planning work for the near future. We think that our C.E.M.S. will do great good in the district.

VISIT OF OUR BISHOP.—Gisborne folk are keenly looking forward to the visit of his Lordship the Bishop this month. He purposes coming to us on the 9th, and remaining until the 13th. A very full programme of engagements is being prepared. We have not at all forgotten the Bishop's first visit to Gisborne, nor the wonderfully inspiring service in the Garrison Hall, when, according to the local paper, about two thousand people attended. It is safe to prophesy that a warm welcome awaits our chief pastor.

Church of England Men's Society.

Watchword: "Prayer and Service."

Visit of Rev. S. Woolcombe.

The Rev. H. S. Woolcombe, M.A., the Organising Secretary of the Church of England Men's Society, paid visits to Rotorua, Dannevirke, Hastings and Napier in this Diocese. It is to be regretted that he was unable to go to Gisborne, where men were keenly interested in the movement. His illness when in the Auckland Diocese made the time he was able to give to our own shorter than was originally intended.

Mr Woolcombe preached at Hastings on the morning of Sunday, 17th April, and in the Cathedral in the evening. He gave an address to men at Hastings in the afternoon, and another after evening service in Napier at the Athenæum. On Monday, the 18th, he met the clergy of Napier and district at the Cathedral Club rooms at the invitation of Canon Mayne, when he gave a most helpful address upon the working of Branches of the Society. An evening meeting at the Theatre, which was attended by about 200 men, concluded his work in Napier.

As a result of his visit, a branch of the C.E.M.S. has been already formed in St. Augustine's Parish, Napier, the Bishop admitting on the morning of Sunday, May 29, twenty men as members of the Society. We understand that other branches are soon to be started in Napier.

The Society, in England, is already a great spiritual force, and we look forward to a like result in New Zealand. The rules are simple—"Prayer and service." Members of the Church are admitted as associates, but full membership in the Society is restricted to communicants.

Conference in Wellington.

"A band of men whose hearts God had touched." When the Church of England Men's Society was but a timid experiment and numbered only some fifty members, this was the text of the first sermon preached in its behalf in St. Stephen's, Westbourne Park, London. When the fifty had grown to at least seventy thousand, it was the text taken by the Bishop of London when preaching in connection with the Society to a great gathering of men in St. Paul's Cathedral. Their hearts had been touched to such an extent that they were prepared to set apart the best man available and send

him out at their own expense, all over the world where the English Church was found, to tell all men what the C.E.M.S. was doing in the Old Country and what it was hoped it would do in the newer lands beyond the seas.

It is history how the first choice of the Council fell upon Dr Cosmo Lang, Bishop of Stepney, and how his elevation to the Archbishopric of York prevented him coming out. So the Head of the Oxford House, the Rev. H. S. Woolcombe, was sent instead. It is history, too (can there be any laymen in Waiapu Diocese to whom the facts are not known?), that after travelling through Australia, Mr Woolcombe visited New Zealand.

His New Zealand tour was brought to a conclusion and a head by a conference of delegates from branches throughout the Dominion, held in Wellington on 27th and 28th April.

Looking round the hall at the meetings, knowing the personal sacrifice at which many delegates had come up, and seeing the brotherly spirit that marked all the proceedings, one thought—"Yes, indeed, a band of men whose hearts God has touched." We look for great things from the C.E.M.S. in New Zealand.

The meeting in St. Mark's school-room on Wednesday, the 26th April, was preliminary to the conference proper on the following night. At it, Mr Woolcombe spoke at length on the main points to be considered at the Conference, and incidentally gave the delegates the benefit of his own experience, both at home and travelling through Australia.

The three points to be discussed were: (1) The spiritual life of the branch; (2) its aggressive work; (3) the federation of branches.

"There are two main methods," said Mr Woolcombe, "on which aggressive Christian work is carried on: one, the diffusive; the other, the intensive. The object of the one method is to get into touch with as many as possible, in the hope of being able to select workers from among the number. In the other method, the object is rather to influence a few and use them to reach others. The C.E.M.S. to be a success in a place, must work on the intensive method, *i.e.*, from centre to circumference. The highest ideal must be put before men, and, if necessary, one must wait till some accept it. Quality is the first essential, not quantity. We must build slowly and strongly.

Yet we must use the diffusive method also, but we must carefully distinguish between (a) the men whom we want