

ten or more. At the end of three months a further application is made, this time for confirmation of registration, and if the branch is accepted, it is duly registered, and its name, together with the capitation fee, forwarded to head-quarters, Westminster. —Several difficulties have received the attention of the Council, and have been legislated upon. For instance, the question was asked, what is meant by "doing something for the Church?" The answer given was, that neither attendance at Church, nor payment of a subscription, was of itself sufficient to justify membership, but that every member and associate should, on their joining, be asked to state what precise bit of Church work they were willing to undertake.—We had a splendid conference a week or two ago of all branches in and around Christchurch and of other men interested in the C.E.M.S. About 150 men were present, the Bishop occupying the chair. The discussion was focussed upon: (1) Registration; (2) how to start a branch; (3) membership qualifications; and (4) conduct of meetings; the leaders being the Bishop, the Revs. W. W. Sedgwick, H. Purchas, and P. B. Haggitt, and Mr George. The conference proved to be very helpful to those who wanted light thrown on various matters.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LYTTELTON.

—On Trinity Sunday, the Parish Church of Lyttelton celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its consecration. In preparation for the festival, the fabric had been restored at the cost of present and former parishioners. The church is as sound now as it was fifty years ago. An unique interest attaches to this church, it being the first stone church built in Canterbury, the oldest church in the diocese, and the church of the mother parish.

THE GENERAL MISSION. —The Vicars of those parishes to whom missionaries are coming are busy making preparations, whilst others, who expected a mission and were indulging in all sorts of hopes for their parishes, are striving hard to strengthen their power of resignation. Some, however, are doing more than this—they are taking such steps as they can to ensure the extension of the mission so as to reach all the parishes and parochial districts of the diocese.—To those that are expecting a mission, one of our country vicars has set a good example, so far at least as energy is concerned. All over his district, and it is not a small one, house to house visitation has already begun, all the roads having

been assigned to different workers. Fortnightly visits are paid, mission literature being left at each visit. The intercession services are kept in mind by the visitors, who invite their people to attend them. Moreover, every organisation in the district seems to have been inspired with the duty of doing something or providing something for the coming mission. A number of houses have boxes into which pennies are being put to help to defray expenses.

MAORI MISSION NEWS.

ROTORUA.

Our Church Committee has met three times already during the month of June. They have discussed the following subjects amongst others:—

1. The Natives entertained the Maori football team (who are now in Australia) in the Te Ao Marama Mission Hall. There were close on 200 people present, including members of the Ngatiwhakauae, Tuhourangi, and Ngatipikiao tribes. Several speeches were made by the representatives of each side. The Arawas were very pleased with the members of the team, for their behaviour was exemplary. There are eight Communicants amongst the team. Very few of them touch drink.

2. The members of the Bible Classes and the Sunday Schools had a pleasant evening together in Te Ao Marama Hall. The Bible Classes are making good progress; they meet every Tuesday. The children attending Sunday School at Ohinemutu have now reached the total of sixty.

3. The Committee are taking up the question of a new church at Ohinemutu with real earnestness. The present building has stood for thirty years, and has suffered in consequence, the blocks and shingles having decayed. The Committee are considering the question of erecting the new church on concrete foundations so that they may withstand the thermal action. A rough estimate of the cost of a suitable new church is about £700. The men's committee and the women's committee are all busy preparing for a sale of work and bazaar to be held on the 26th and 27th December. They are working for a two years' effort to raise the money required. The external appearance of the building will be in accordance with English ecclesiastical design, but the interior will be characteristic of Maori art.

4. The Committee passed a resolution expressing their appreciation of the Bishop's kindly consideration of

the Maoris in allowing some pages of the Diocesan paper to be printed in the Maori language.

5. During the past five Sundays the attendance at Church has been very gratifying.

6. We are now without an assistant Minister, as Matene Keepa has been transferred to Te Whaiti. Let the outskirts of the parish be patient. Don't feel very impatient because you are now seldom visited. The harvest is great, but the labourers are few. Let each part of the Parish put forth every effort to keep things going satisfactorily. A man will be sent to assist us later on.—Your servant in Christ,

FRED. BENNETT.

TE PARIHA O ROTORUA.

Ka toru nga huihuinga o te Komiti o te Hahi ki Ohinemutu i tenei marama ara i a Hune. Koia nei etahi o nga take i whakahaeretia:—

1. I karangatia e te Hahi he huihuinga i tetahi ahiahi ki a Te Ao Marama hei whakanui hei powhiri hoki i nga mema o te timi whutupaoro Maori kua riro nei ki Ahitereria. I tata ki te rua rau nga tangata i huihui mai ara a Ngati whakauae, a Tuhourangi, me Ngati Pikiao. He maha nga tangata i tu ki te whaikorero o te tangata whenua, o te ope. He nui te whakamihii o Te Arawa katoa ki a ratou manuhiri, ara he pai o te noho, he whakaaro nui ki te tikanga o ta ratou haere. Tokowaru nga tamariki kai i te Hapa a te Ariki i roto i taua ope. Kaore rawa i kitea he tangata kai waipiro i roto i taua ropu.

2. I karangatia he po nui ma nga Paipera Karaihe me nga tamariki o te Kura Ratapu o Ohinemutu me Te Whakarewarewa kia te Aro Marama. Kei te kaha te tupu o nga whakahaere Paipera Karaihe o tenei takiwa. Kei nga po Turei ka huihui i nga wiki katoa. Kua eke ki te ono tekau nga tamariki o te Kura Ratapu.

3. Kua kaha te whakahaere a te Komiti i nga tikanga e tu ai he whare-karakia hou mo Ohinemutu. Ko te Whare Karakia e tu nei kua ahua mate. Ka toru tekau nga tau o tenei whare e tu ana ki Ohinemutu, a inaianei kua pirau nga tinga me nga poraka. E whakaaro ana te Komiti me hanga te kaupapa o te Whare hou ki te raima kia kore ai e tere te mate i te ngawha. Ko te utu e maharatia ana mo taua whare kei te £700. Kei te mahi nga Komiti tane me nga Komiti wahine i a ratou tikanga mo te Bazaar a te 26 me te 27 o nga ra o Tihema. E rua nga tau i whakaritea e te Komiti hei kimihanga i taua moni. Kia takoto