

REV. NIRAI RUNGA.

No te Ratapu, Hune 12 ka moe i te moenga roa ki Moteo a Nirai Runga, tetahi o nga minita Maori o te takiwa o Heretaunga. Ka toru enei tau i peka ai ia ki tahaki o te mahi, otira kua ahua matemate ano ia i mua atu. I te mutunga o nga tau i noho ai raua ko Manahi Te Aro ki te Kareti i Turanga ka whakaurua raua e Te Tuati Pihopa ki te mahi Rikona, ki Omahu, i te Ra o Ruka, 18 Oketopa, 1881; Ko Rev. Hoani Te Wainohu tetahi i whakaurua i taua ra ki te mahi Piriti. Muri iho i te raua whakarikonatanga ka whakanohoia a Nirai ki Moteo, ko Manahi hoki i whakanohoia ki Te Waipatu. Ko Manahi i mate i runga ano i tana mahi i a Akuhata, 1883, i mahue ai ko Nirai anake te minita Maori o te takiwa o Heretaunga tae noa ki te tau 1898. Nga kainga o tona takiwa mahi, ko Moteo, ko Te Waiohiki, ko Omahu, ko Wharerangi, ko Petane, ko Tangoio tae noa ki Te Haroto. Tana wahine e noho pouaru nei, no Te Haroto, koia i nukuhia ai te nehunga ki te 19 o nga ra kia tae mai ai nga tangata o reira. Kua rite ano taua ra i te Pihopa hei Ratapu mona ki moteo. Ona hoa ki reira, ko Te Wiremu Pihopa, ko Rev. A. Wiremu, ko te minita hoki o Moteo, ko Rev. W. Pereiha. Na te iti o te Whare-karakia i kawea ai te karakia o te awatea ki roto ki te whare Maori. Te kupu o ta te Pihopa kauwhau, ko Hoa. xiv. 1-3, Na Pereiha i whakamaori. Muri iho i tena i a Te Wiremu Pihopa te Hapa a Te Ariki i roto i te Wharekarakia. Kei te 2 haora ko te nehunga, i a Te Wiremu Pihopa hoki tenei. Muri iho ko te karakia o te ahiahi. Te kupu o te kauwhau a Te Wiremu Pihopa ko Hoa. xi. 25-26. I Moteo ano nga tangata o Te Waiohiki, i kore ai te Pihopa e tae ki reira ki te karakia o te ahiahi.

Ordination Service.

The Bishop conducted his first ordination service on Trinity Sunday, May 22nd., when, in the Cathedral Church of St. John at Napier. Mr Herbert Collier and Mr R. George Coates were given Deacon's orders, and the Rev. H. Harold Robjohns, B.Sc. (London), was raised from the Diaconate to the Priesthood.

It is, probably, only in a Colonial Diocese, that candidates of such very varied experience could be assembled at one ordination.

Mr Coates started life as a schoolmaster, passing, after four years' training as a pupil teacher, to the

Normal College, Christchurch. In 1901 he was accepted for missionary work by the Bishop of Melanesia and in 1902 proceeded to Norfolk Island, where for some time he helped in the school for native boys. For a year he worked with the Rev. J. M. Steward, on Guadalcanar, one of the largest of the Solomon Islands, but, owing to severe attacks of malaria, had to be invalided home to New Zealand.

After a short term as a teacher under the North Canterbury Education Board he was appointed Organising Secretary and Lecturer for the Melanesian Mission, and for four and a half years travelled through both islands, arousing and stimulating interest in the Mission, both by his intimate knowledge of the work, as well as by the clear and forcible manner in which he addressed his audiences.

He has lately been acting as Lay Assistant in the Parish of St. Michael's, Christchurch, where, amidst other work, he has thrown himself keenly into that of the Church of England Men's Society. The knowledge thus acquired will be of great value in his post as Provisional Diocesan Secretary to the Society, to which position he has been appointed by the Bishop.

Mr Collier has had many years' experience as Lay Assistant, first in the Inglewood parish in Taranaki and next in the Opotiki parish, where he was more or less responsible for the work carried on in and around Whakataane. After some time spent in the Tauranga parish, he has been, for the last three years, acting as Lay Curate in the large parish of Waipawa.

Mr Robjohns was for many years engaged in educational work at home; first as science and language master in various schools in England and Wales and then as Organising Secretary and Director of Modern Education under the Gloucestershire County Council. For a year before leaving England, he was Chief of Staff in the Higher Education Department of the Central Office of the Kent Education Committee. For a few months, he was, as Director of the Napier Technical School, engaged in equipping the new building and organising the work of the new school. After his resignation of this post, he acted for some months as Lay Curate in the Parish of St. Matthew's, Auckland. Since February of last year, he has been Curate in the parish of Havelock North, being more or less responsible for the work carried on in Clive.

The candidates spent most of the week preceding the ordination in Napier, Mr and Mrs Collier being the

guests of Archdeacon and Mrs Ruddock, while Mr Coates and Mr Robjohns enjoyed the hospitality of the Bishop and Mrs Averill. This week will, doubtless, long be remembered by the candidates, not so much for the Bishop's examination, nor for the quiet Evensongs and helpful addresses from Archdeacon Ruddock, but as a time when they were brought into intimate and personal contact with their Bishop. By example, by precept, he made them realise that the success of one's ministry depends on one's closeness of contact with the Lord Jesus Christ, and that, insomuch as one is a channel through which the Holy Spirit can manifest His Divine Power, is one a power oneself. The fact that the Memorial Services for King Edward came on the day which had been set apart as a "quiet day" for the candidates, served to accentuate the solemnity of the week of preparation.

At the early celebration on Saturday morning, the Bishop gave what may be termed his "charge" to the candidates, basing his remarks on the text "Looking unto Jesus." The Ministry, he said, must be not only a profession, but a reflection: only so far as men see in us a reflection, faint it may be, but clear, of our Lord and Master, will they be drawn to Him.

The Ordination Service was preceded by an early celebration at 8, and by Morning Prayer, taken by Canon Mayne, who, as Bishop's Chaplain, attended the Bishop, and preached the Ordination sermon, from the text "How lovely are the messengers, that bring us the gospel of peace." He took us back to the days of Hezekiah, King of Judah, when Jerusalem was invested by the army of Sennacherib. When all seemed hopeless, the angel of the Lord went out into the camp of the Assyrians and slew them. In the morning came some to the camp, and discovering that the Lord had won deliverance for Jerusalem, hurried over the mountains to bear the glad tidings of peace to what appeared to be a doomed city. In the same way, the Ministers of Christ bring good news of peace to what seems to be a doomed world.

After the sermon, the candidates were presented to the Bishop by the Archdeacon of Hawke's Bay, the candidates for deacon's orders first, and the one for priest's orders afterwards. The Bishop commended the candidates to the prayers of the congregation, and the Litany was sung by the Archdeacon, the Bishop, kneeling at his chair in front of the altar, taking