

W. Paikea; Ihaka Rautahi; Hemi Kireka Rapaea; Hoera Rapaea; Hanita Te Maero; Te Kikirioterangi Niania; Maremare Eria; Te Ripohau Epiha, for the district of Hawke's Bay.

Licenses to officiate have been issued to the Rev. Cyril Gordon Biddle for Hastings, and to the Rev. John Hobbs for the Diocese.

LAY READER'S TIPPET.—The tippet worn by lay readers may be obtained at the Diocesan office, Napier, price 3/6 each. Orders by post should give the measurement from shoulder to shoulder across the chest. All licensed lay readers are entitled to wear this tippet.

BISHOPRIC ENDOWMENT FUND.—The Treasurer has received a sum of £10 from Mrs S. Bolton towards the capital account, and sums of £25 from Mrs Russell, and of £12 10s from Mr T. Tanner, towards the income account. Contributions, either for the capital fund or the income account, may be sent to the secretary, Archdeacon Ruddock, or to the treasurer, Mr F. W. Williams, Napier.

The Synod.

The Meeting of Synod will probably be held on October 28th.

On Thursday evening, October 27th, there will be a Men's Meeting in the theatre, when we hope to see a large gathering. The local branches of the C.E.M.S. have undertaken to get up the meeting and we hope to have an enthusiastic one. The Rev. J. D. Russell, of Petone, has kindly promised to speak, and Mr J. Snell, also of Petone, of whom Mr Russell says: "he is an excellent speaker and a great favourite with our men."

On Friday there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a.m., the formal opening of Synod and the Bishop's address at 4 p.m., and a Missionary Meeting, if possible, in the evening at the Athenæum, when the Rev. J. H. Rogers, of South Canterbury, Miss Stirling, the Rev. F. Bennett, and one other will speak. We trust that all Churchpeople who can, will help to make this meeting a great success.

On Saturday morning there will be a "Quiet Morning" for the clergy at the Cathedral, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Rogers, who has had a long experience of ministerial work, both in England and New Zealand. In the afternoon there will be an "at home"

at Bishops court. The clergy will, of course, endeavour to make suitable arrangements for their Sunday Services so that they can attend the "Quiet Morning" on the Saturday.

There will be special services at the Cathedral on the Sunday; the Bishop will preach in the morning and the Rev. J. H. Rogers in the evening.

The ordinary work of the Synod will commence on Monday. The Bishop hopes to meet the clergy in Conference on the Tuesday morning.

News from other Dioceses.

AUCKLAND.

Resignation of the Bishop.

It was with considerable surprise and much regret that we heard of the resignation of the Bishop of Auckland on account of his serious breakdown in health.

The Bishop will leave behind him in the Diocese of Auckland a record of seven years' vigorous work, successful and useful organization, and a large body of devoted Churchmen and Churchwomen. Perhaps one of the most successful organisations started by the Bishop has been the Diocesan Girl's School, which is well-known and highly appreciated throughout the Province.

Not only will the Bishop's departure be a serious loss to the Diocese, but the work and influence of Mrs. Neligan will be much missed. The Mothers' Union, the Girls' Friendly Society, and other Societies have received much kindly assistance and help from Mrs. Neligan.

We can only hope that the Bishop's health will be completely restored, and that he may not suffer any permanent ill effects as the result of his serious breakdown in health, occasioned, doubtless, by the overwork of a large and scattered diocese. We shall be glad to know that the Bishop and Mrs. Neligan have found a sphere of work, less exacting than that of a Colonial diocese, in which they may still use their many gifts for the service of Almighty God and for the benefit and welfare of His Church.

CHRISTCHURCH.

THE GENERAL MISSION.—October is coming nearer and nearer. Some of us, who have been making preparation without much hope of having missions in our parishes this year, have received the good news that we may, after all, since two or three more missioners are coming.

Moreover, so we are told, some of the men may be allowed to do, what we feel they will be strongly inclined and "constrained" to do, viz., a little more work. The Litany of Intercession is being widely used, and in most parishes the mission hymns are being practised. We all, I think, feel that we must expect great things from the mission. Whether we are all doing our part remains to be seen.

CHRISTCHURCH CLERICAL SOCIETY.—

Our two monthly meetings continue to be well attended and very helpful. The morning is generally given to the study of some selected passage of Scripture, and in the afternoon a paper is read, with discussion following. Our last two afternoon meetings have been devoted to the study of Mr. Sprott's book on the Old Testament Scriptures and Inspiration.

The Rev. J. R. Hewland was asked to study the book and give us the main lines of thought. The brethren are all agreed that the book is a most useful one, particularly in its power of helping one to realise how thought has moved in the past, and to crystallise one's thoughts.

At our last meeting the coming Synod was thought of. One of the most important subjects that will come up is the Bible in Schools question. We are all but unanimous in thinking that we ought to aim at the right of entry within school hours, after the New South Wales system; but we are not quite so keen about the text-book. One of our number has been deputed to make himself quite conversant with the New South Wales system, and to bring the matter up at Synod. One thing we are all agreed upon is this: we are all tired of passing resolutions on this matter without going further.

C.E.M.S.—The number of our branches is now 207, with an average membership of about 18. Groups for visiting selected cases, welcoming and securing names and addresses of new comers to the church or parish, and for other objects, are being formed, each with its leader, who keeps the Vicar informed of the work being done.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.—Great preparations are going on for the arrival of the new Vicar, and the Vicarage is being renovated throughout. Mr. Burton has already signified his intention to wear Eucharistic vestments. No doubt the earnestness of the man will disarm much of the criticism that is being evoked. We