

Havelock North.

Vicar: Rev. A. F. Gardiner.

Curate: Rev. H. H. Roljohns.

A Service of Intercession for the Mission is held every Monday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, in S. Luke's Church, Havelock North.

On August 10th, the Bishop held the monthly service of the Mothers' Union, when he admitted 22 members and 3 associates.

In the evening he gave his lecture on "Palestine" in the Hall, Mr. F. Nelson supplying and working his powerful lantern.

The annual meeting of Parishioners was held on July 29th. During the past year, the remaining debt of £100 on the Vicarage was paid off, so that the Parish is now happily free of debt. There was also a substantial credit balance shown. Mr. S. R. Quartley was re-elected Parishioners' Warden, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to him for his services. Mr. T. Tanner was elected representative to Synod.

The Vicar is very grateful to Archdeacon Ruddock, to the Rev. J. Hobbs, and to the Rev. G. Biddle for the assistance given by them during the last two months.

Rotorua.

Vicar: Rev. C. A. Tisdall, M.A.

Our annual meeting, held on July 19th, was very well attended. The Vicar nominated Mr. A. F. Bent as his Warden, and Mr. J. W. Melville was elected People's Warden. The following gentlemen were elected as Vestrymen:—Messrs. P. Thom, R. W. Dyer, J. Halkett, C. H. Pawson, C. S. Algie, T. C. Hawkins, Carter, and Wrathall. Messrs. P. Thom and P. J. Haramond were elected our representatives to Synod. These are probably our first local representatives to Synod; Mr. H. Davis, of Hastings, has been our representative for a number of years past, and we owe him a debt of gratitude. It was unanimously decided to raise the stipend of the Vicar by £25 a year.

Our Ladies' Working Guild has been reformed with a large membership, and meets at the Vicarage every Friday afternoon. It is proposed to hold a Sale of Work towards the end of next year. A Junior branch of the Guild has also been formed, and meets on every Monday evening in Mrs. French's, where a room has been very kindly put at its disposal.

Our branch of the C.E.M.S. has had several useful meetings for prayer and discussion. On Monday evening, August 15th, it held a social gathering for men in the Parish Hall. Invitations were sent to every man in Rotorua who was known or understood to be a member of the Anglican Communion. About 130 men responded, and we had one of the finest social evenings ever held in Rotorua. Everyone seemed at home; chatter and laughter resounded from every quarter. An excellent programme was provided by the C.E.M.S. members and others. The aims and objects of the Society were briefly but tellingly set forth by our Secretary, Mr. A. F. Bent. After refreshments had been handed round and there had been some "speechifying" all joined in singing the hymn "Fight the Good Fight," and the Vicar dismissed the gathering with the Benediction.

The Mission hymn books have arrived at last, and we have begun to work up congregational practices, but we have little time left now. Our Missioners, the Rev. A. H. Colville and the Rev. E. H. Strong, arrive in the middle of September.

The Vicar visited Mamaku on the second Sunday in August and held morning and evening service in Roe's Hall. After the evening service there was held a meeting of the Church members and it was decided to make a vigorous forward movement towards getting a Church built. There is in hand for the purpose a sum of £100. A friend has offered £5 if nine others will give the same amount; five responses have been made, and we are hopeful of soon having four more. Messrs. Ramson, Forsdick, C. Tyson, and Mesdames Roe and Williams and the Misses White and Masey were appointed a Committee.

Opotiki.

Vicar: Rev. W. H. Bowden.

The annual meeting of Parishioners took place on Friday, the 12th of August, when there was a good representative attendance. The reading of the balance-sheet revealed a satisfactory financial position, all liabilities having been met.

The Vicar shortly reviewed the work of the year:—The attendance at Church services had been generally good throughout the district, but he would earnestly urge the congregation to begin the Lord's Day with His worship, and not to put off this most important duty till the end of the day, as the custom of so many people was. The number of Communicants had increased considerably. The Sunday School was in good working order and the attendance good. The pence offerings of the children, amounting to £10 for the year, had been devoted to Mission Work for Children, the Waifs and Strays Society, Melanesian Children, Schools for Blind Children, &c. Reference was made to the coming Mission and the necessity for preparation strongly emphasised.

The following gentlemen have accepted office for the ensuing year:—Vicar's Warden, Mr. T. Clark; Parishioners' Warden, Mr. H. T. Torrens; Vestry, Messrs. Vickers, Baldwin, Elliott, Brown, Lambert, Pearson, Armstrong, Merriman, Gulde, Arthur; Auditor, Mr. C. Ogle; Lay Representatives for Diocesan Synod, Dr. Henley and Mr. S. E. McCarthy, S.M., Napier.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his services, and to all Church workers. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in music and conversation, and the meeting terminated with the Doxology and Benediction.

Services of Intercession and congregational practices of hymns for the Mission are being held weekly.

Weber.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Whibley.

SERVICES:

First Sunday— Waitahora, 11 Mangabe, 3 Mangatoro, 7	Third Sunday— Weber, 11 Ti Tree, 3 Wimbledon, 7
Second Sunday— Mangatuna, 11 Wai-patiki, 3 Weber, 7	Fourth Sunday— Taboukaretu Road, 11 Waione Road, 3 Weber, 7

Dannevirke.

Vicar: Rev. E. Robertshawe, B.A.

Curate: Rev. G. E. Kear.

Our annual meeting, which was held on August 3rd, took this year the form of a social gathering of both sexes. The outgoing People's Warden read the report, which was of a satisfactory nature. All current expenses had been met by the current income, and a slight credit balance was in hand. Besides this there were in hand or promised, contributions sufficient to reduce the overdraft from £200 down to £50, and the remainder would, it was hoped and expected, be entirely wiped off before Christmas. The total cash receipts for the Parish for the year amounted to £666. The Chairman pointed out that this was both the number of the golden talents that came to Solomon in one year and also the number of the beast. It is evidently the number of worldly success, but it is to be trusted that, in this case, it is rather a mark of spiritual success.

Mr Harrison was elected People's Warden, and Mr F. J. Knight appointed Vicar's Warden. The following gentlemen were elected Vestrymen:—Messrs Chadwick, Webber, Coltman, Dobson, Tilsley, Wood, Magnusson, Tosswell, Wright, Macpherson, Benson, Tansley. Messrs Bell, Magnusson, and Edkins were elected as Synodsmen.

Votes of thanks were passed to the outgoing Vestry, Choirmaster, Organist, Choir, Superintendent and Sunday School Teachers, and Lay Readers.

A social evening with songs and refreshments brought the proceedings to a close.

At a Vestry meeting held August 17th, Messrs W. F. Knight, F. G. Cowper, and A. Webber were elected Nominators for this Parish.

BAPTISMS.

Eunice Adelaide Douglas, Elsie Armstrong, Emma Adelaide Krause, Evelyn Margaret Fitzherbert, Mervyn Robinson, Noel Frederick, Ruby Jean Howe, George Howe, Ethel Eloise Keetha Somerville, Karl Burton Hansard, Linda Joyce Hansard Bateman.

BURIALS.

Leonard Arthur Eagle, Ann Filewood, Edward Wood.

The Bishop's Engagements.

- AUG. 26.—Boat to Gisborne.
 „ 27.—"Quiet day" at Gisborne for ordinands.
 „ 28.—(11 a.m.) Ordination of Maori Priests and Deacons at Gisborne Parish Church.
 (7 p.m.) Preach at Waerenga-a-hika.
 „ 29.—Social at Waerenga-a-hika.
 „ 30.—Lecture on "Palestine" at Gisborne.
 „ 31.—Return to Napier.
 SEPT. 1.—Standing Committee.
 „ 4.—Cathedral (8, 11, and 7) (preparatory to Mission).
 „ 11.—Dannevirke (11 and 7); Matamau (2.30) (preparatory to Mission).
 „ 16.—Reception of Missioners at Cathedral.
 „ 19-30.—The Mission.