

cannot understand how a Christian gentleman can do so.

God grant that the Mission will help to lead us back or nearer to the Master who pleased not Himself, who came with the blue blood of the Jewish aristocracy in His veins to live amongst us as one that serveth, to suffer and die for us, and to show us the true ideal of life, the true ideal of Christian conduct, the true ideal of Christian courtesy!

Dear friends, the Missioners come to us as our invited guests, the Missioners are sent to bring to us a message from God, and the very least that we can do is to welcome them by our presence when they deliver that message, and try to assimilate and act upon that message.

If the Mission helps us to see more clearly what God expects from His own gentlemen, it will be a Mission indeed. "Awake thou that sleepest, and Christ shall give thee light."

Diocesan News.

The Bishop's Engagements.

- Sept. 16-27.—The Mission.
 Oct. 2.—Confirmation at Wairoa, and other services in district.
 Oct. 9—(11 a.m.)—Opening of new Church at Waerenga-a-hika; (7 p.m.) Confirmation at Te Karaka.
 Oct. 12—Return to Napier.
 Oct. 16—Confirmation and other services at Woodville.
 Oct. 27—"Dismissal" of Rev. F. C. Long.
 C.E.M.S. Conference.
 Men's meeting.
 Oct. 28—(11 a.m.)—Synod Celebration of Holy Communion;
 (4 p.m.)—Opening of Synod;
 (8 p.m.)—Missionary meeting.
 Oct. 30—(11 a.m.)—Preach at Cathedral.

The Synod

We would remind our readers again of the arrangements made in connection with the annual session of the Synod.

On Thursday, October 27th, at 11 a.m., there will be a service of "dismissal" for the Rev. F. C. Long, on the eve of his departure to take up missionary work in India. On Thursday afternoon there will be a conference of C.E.M.S. delegates and workers. On Thursday evening, in the Theatre Royal, there will be a meeting for men, and the election of the C.E.M.S. Council. All men are heartily invited to this meeting.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion, in connection with the opening of Synod, will be held in the Cathedral on Friday, Oct. 28th, at 11 a.m.; to which the members of Synod are specially invited; we shall be glad to see any members of the Church present at this service. The Synod will open at 4 p.m., and in the evening there will be a missionary meeting in the Athenæum, when we hope to see a good muster of Church-people.

On Saturday morning, October 29th, there will be a "quiet morning" for the clergy, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Rogers. On Saturday afternoon, the Bishop and Mrs Averill will be "at home" at Bishopscourt.

On Sunday, Oct. 30th, there will be special Synod services at the Cathedral. The Bishop will preach in the morning, and the Rev. J. H. Rogers in the evening.

The Synod will be continued on Monday afternoon, October 31st.

The Bishop desires to meet the clergy in Conference on Tuesday morning, Nov. 1st, at 10.30 a.m., and would be glad to receive, from the clergy, notice of any subjects which they might desire to have discussed at this Conference.

The Bishop would be glad if the clergy would always use the forms obtainable at the Diocesan Office for the lists of Confirmation candidates.

All plans for new buildings must be submitted to the Bishop and Diocesan Trustees. They should be sent to the Diocesan office.

ORDINATIONS.—Letters of Orders have been issued to:—Wiremu Arameta Te Waaka, and Himepiri Munro, who were ordained Deacons by the Bishop on Sunday, 28th August, at Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne; and to Ratema Te Awetokuku, Peni Te Umairangi Hakiwai, Paraone Turei, Reweti Tuhorouta Kohere, and Wiremu Katane Paraire Rangihuna, who were ordained Priests.

LICENSES.—Permission to officiate in the Diocese has been granted to the Rev. William Robinson.

Permission to officiate has been granted to the Rev. Wiremu A. Te Waaka (for the Maori District of Taupo), Rev. Himipiri Munro (Maori District of Hawke's Bay), and Matene Keepa (Maori District of Te Whaiti and Galatza).

Licenses to the Cure of Souls have been issued to the Rev. Ratema Te Awetokuku (Whakatane and Urewera Missionary District), Rev. Peni Te U.

Hakiwai (Ruatoiki Missionary District), Rev. Paraone Turei (Whareponga and Tuparoa), Rev. Reweti T. Kohere (Te Kawa-Kawa), and Rev. Wiremu K. P. Rangihuna (Nukutaurua).

Girls' Friendly Society.

The Bishop of Waiapu presided at the eighth annual meeting of the Napier branch of the Girls' Friendly Society. Archdeacon Ruddock, the Rev. Canon Tuke, and a large gathering of associates were present.

The annual report was as follows:—The past year of the Napier Branch of this Society has been on the whole uneventful, but steady work has been going on, and the associates have taken great interest in their members, particularly those who have come out from England. The members now number 82, of whom 62 belong to the Napier branch, and 20 to the Opotiki branch, ten members having arrived from Great Britain during the year. Eight new associates have been added to the list, one having come out from England, bringing the total up to 80. The candidates' class, under the care of Mrs Hansard and Miss Thornton, is now held at the house of the latter, who kindly lends her home and grounds for the children to meet there once a fortnight. The class now has nineteen members, seven new ones having joined lately. The Society has had great pleasure in welcoming Mrs Averill, the wife of the new Bishop of Waiapu, and her suggestions have already proved very helpful. The meetings for members are now being held weekly at St. Augustine's school-room. A list of ladies has been drawn up to superintend the meetings on different Tuesdays. The year ended with the intercessional service on July 1st. Holy Communion was held in the Cathedral in the forenoon, Canon Mayne kindly officiating, and the collection went towards the fund for the sick and poor. In the evening a service was held in St. Augustine's, when the Bishop of Waiapu preached an appropriate sermon to a large number of members, associates, and others interested in the Society.

The Opotiki branch has 20 members and seven associates, and weekly meetings are being held during the winter.

The report and accompanying balance sheet were adopted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Council: Miss Edith Williams, Mesdames Averill, Ruddock, Mayne, Tuke, Hansard, Leask, Levin, Bear; Treasurer: Miss Jardine; Secretary: Mrs Stopford; Auditor: Mr Hansard.