

afternoon tea, which ended a most enjoyable and social afternoon.

The ping pong tournament at Puketapu resulted financially very well and socially also, but the trophies did not stay in Puketapu, the prizes in every case being taken by those living in Taradale—who kindly came up to help make a success of our effort; only the children's prize was won by a local girl—Ivy LeQuésne. The other winners were—Rev. A. P. Clarke, best gentleman ping pongist; Miss Connie Clarke, the best lady; and Mrs. Shore, the quoits tournament. A programme was well received, those contributing being Miss Clarke, Miss Alexander, Rev. A. P. Clarke, Mr. C. P. Clarke, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Shore. Games of various sorts were indulged in, and after a bountiful supper a happy evening was brought to a close by all singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Very great sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and family, of Greenmeadows, in the loss of their daughter. Miss Robinson bore her prolonged indisposition with great patience and fortitude.

Mr. John Boylan passed away at the Hospital after a painful illness. He was a familiar figure in the Parish for several years, for some time a member of the choir, and he always took an interest in the welfare of the Parish; he will be remembered with affection by many friends.

Waipawa.

Vicar: Rev. H. P. Couz, M.A.

Curate: Rev. H. Collier.

The Rev. H. Collier has returned from a well-deserved holiday in Auckland and will resume his work with fresh vigour.

Prayer meetings and Choir practices in preparation for the Mission have been held during the last two months, and it is earnestly hoped that a blessing will rest upon this special effort to arouse the Church and win souls for Christ, for a revival of religion and quickening of Church life are greatly needed.

Waipukurau.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Martin.

The one topic of interest is the coming Mission by the Rev. Hubert Jones, Rector of Guarlford. Mr. Jones is already known here, for he visited the Parish a fortnight ago for a special service. All the arrangements are complete.

The Rev. T. A. Meyer will be leaving the Parish in October. The Vicar is in treaty with a recent comer from the Old Country, who it is hoped will be his successor.

The Ladies' Guild meets regularly and does good work.

Branches of the G.F.S. and Mother's Union have been formed, and are in the able hands, as Secretaries respectively, of Matron Carson and Mrs. Elvey. The latter has taken part in the work of the Union in the Home Church.

Takapau.

The monthly service at Blackburn was held in the Ruahine Schoolroom on Sunday, September 11th, at 11 a.m. The service was of special interest because the thirteen candidates lately confirmed made their first communion. All were present, and com-

municated, except one who could not attend. There were twenty communicants in all, and a large congregation as well; the beautiful day made it possible for people to come from far. The Rev. T. A. Meyer was celebrant.

Porangahau.

Vicar: Rev. F. E. Telling-Simcox.

The annual meeting of Parishioners was held on the 19th August. The attendance was better than on previous years. The Vicar read his report of the work done during the year in the various centres of the Parish. The balance-sheet showed a small surplus in hand, notwithstanding a series of very wet Sundays, which materially affected the collections. Mr. Geo. Hunter again accepted office as Vicar's Warden. Mr. Hunter has now been Minister's Warden for 30 years, and has been present at every meeting—a record surely for the Dominion! Mr. G. M. White was elected People's Warden (which office he has held since 1905), and Messrs. P. Hunter, C. H. St. Hill, J. D. Canning, C. H. Nairn, and H. White, Vestrymen. Messrs. G. Hunter and C. Nairn were appointed Parochial Nominators, and Mr. E. W. Andrews Lay Representative to the Diocesan Synod. A discussion took place re circulation of THE WAIAPU CHURCH GAZETTE, the Vestry voting 10/- for distribution of copies in the Sunday School. Archdeacon Ruddock visited the Parish on behalf of the fund for building a Bishop's residence, and met with a liberal response to his appeal, over £100 being subscribed. The Vestry recorded their thanks to Mr. Kemp for his valuable services in training the Choir. Mrs. Hazell accepted the appointment of Organist. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Church Wardens and Vestry, for willing and faithful service during many years.

Dannevirke.

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

Curate: Rev. G. E. Kear.

The long expected visit of our Bishop has taken place, when very hearty and devout services were held. The Bishop preached a very suggestive sermon in the morning from the text "Friend, come up higher," pointing out that this was God's message to men; He addressed them as "Friends," and said "Live the higher life." In the evening the Bishop gave a very impressive sermon from the words of the prophet Elijah, "How long halt ye between two opinions?" He showed how that Christ offered Eternal life only on His own conditions, that when the rich young man, who was halting between two opinions, went away sorrowful having great possession, Christ did not follow him or lower His standard. The Bishop spoke very earnestly on the coming Mission as being a time of decision when, either men would turn to God or from God.

Mr. Bower Knight took the Bishop in his motor car about part of the Parish, and on Saturday he visited a few of the leading Churchmen of Dannevirke. When the Bishop comes again to the Parish, he hopes to meet a number more in their homes.

The G.F.S. has now 60 members, and meets every Tuesday in the Parish Hall.

The Mothers' Union also is doing good work.

On Saturday night the Bishop addressed the members of both Societies in the Parish Hall. His address will not easily be forgotten.

BAPTISMS.

Mavis Elizabeth Fairbrother.

Matamau.

On Sunday, September 11th, we were favoured with a visit from the Bishop of the Diocese. Lovely weather reigned for the occasion. Owing to our Presbyterian friends having the schoolhouse, which we usually make use of for service, we had to go into the Public Hall. About 60 people were present at worship and followed the Bishop with close attention during the whole course of his sermon on S. John xix., 25: "Now there stood by the Cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene." We all felt the appropriateness of the Bishop's words as he drew out lessons from the characters of the persons standing by the Cross of Jesus, and we shall long remember the first sermon preached by him in our little village.

After service many stayed behind to make the acquaintance of our "Father in God," who expressed his approval of the effort which is being made to raise a Church to the honour of Almighty God. Plans, drawn up by Mr. Leighton, were produced and discussed, and will now be sent on for the inspection of the Diocesan Board of Trustees.

Since we last wrote, matters connected with the proposed Church have made a further advance. Messrs. Leighton and France have visited Dannevirke and received handsome donations from Mr. F. W. Knight, and Mr. F. J. Knight. Our very best thanks go out to these gentlemen for their generosity. We are hoping to make a further effort this month (October) when, by God's gracious blessing, we trust to raise sufficient funds to go on with the building immediately.

Weber.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Whibley.

Our annual meeting was put off till we had more settled weather, and was held on September 8. This was the first annual meeting in the new Vicarage, its capacity was taxed to the utmost, and some had to sit in the passage. The balance-sheet being read disclosed a very satisfactory state of affairs, all accounts having been paid, with a debit balance of only £1 4s. 1d. The general offertories showed a decrease this year of about £6, which the Vicar explained might be fully accounted for, as there had been 12 Sundays without services: 5 because of his illness (influenza) and 7 on account of the wet weather.

Mr. F. M. Gregorie, of Havelock North, was re-elected to represent our district in Synod. Mr. Gregorie for many years resided here, and we still think of him as one of ourselves.

The following gentlemen have accepted office for the ensuing year:—Vicar's Warden, Mr. L. G. Crosse; People's Warden, Mr. W. Palmer; Vestry, Messrs. T. S. Booth, H. G. Small, and Dr. Sinclair; the outlying centres being represented on the Vestry by: Messrs. H. B. Stuckey, Mangahe; E. Averill, Mangatoro; B.