

Smith, Waitahora; B. Gamby, Ti Tree; C. Hoggard, Mangatuna; E. Morgans, Wimbledon. Mr. W. H. Small was appointed Auditor.

We are sorry that we have lost the services of Mr. Lovell, our Lay Reader, who has gone to Ceylon; our Sunday School teacher at Wimbledon, Miss Brasall, has also left the district. We are not able yet to fill these vacancies.

The Vicar is doing a little to assist the children by having Sunday School once a fortnight at Weber, half an hour before service, and also at other places.

A Bible Reading has been started in the Vicarage, every Wednesday at 7.30.

We are hoping that the Bishop will be able to visit our district in January or February, and administer the rite of Confirmation to those who are being prepared.

Waerenga-a-hika.

Vicar: Rev. E. Ward.

SERVICES.

Waerenga-a-hika.—First and third Sunday, 11 a.m.; second Sunday, 7 p.m.; fourth Sunday, 3 p.m.
First Sunday, Children's Service, at 2 p.m.

Makaraka.—Every Sunday, at 7 p.m.

Ormond.—First Sunday, at 7 p.m.; third Sunday at 3 p.m.

Makauri.—Second Sunday, at 7 p.m.

Waimata.—Second and fourth Sunday, at 11 a.m. (weather and roads permitting).

The Bishop's first official visit to the Parish took place on the last Sunday in August, when he preached at Evensong. Service was held in the Public Hall, and in spite of cold, boisterous weather, there was a good congregation. The Bishop's sermon was eloquent and impressive and will not be soon forgotten.

On the next evening the annual Parish Social was held. The elements were again unfriendly, and the gathering, though large, was nothing to what it would have been under favourable conditions. The first part of the concert programme was given by the Public School children, and consisted of drill, costume dances, Maypole dance, etc., their performance being warmly appreciated. The second part consisted of glee and part songs, delightfully rendered by the students of Te Rau College, under the Rev. F. Chatterton. The Bishop's address was of a very happy nature, and quite won his hearers.

We are looking forward with pleasant anticipations to his next visit on the second Sunday in October, when he is to open our beautiful new brick Church at 11 a.m. and hold a Confirmation at 3 p.m.

Te Karaka.

Vicar: Rev. W. H. Roberts.

The work of erecting a belfry and a porch as additions to S. John's Church, Te Karaka, has just been completed. The belfry is a graceful and well-proportioned structure, built to a design by our good friend Mr. C. E. Armstrong, and greatly improves the exterior appearance of the Church. This suitably accommodates the splendid bell kindly presented by Mr. A. M. Lewis more than a year ago, and which has hitherto been most unworthily hung in a temporary stand. The porch is a much-needed convenience, and has been made sufficiently large to enable part to be curtained off to form a Vestry, so that an encroachment for

that purpose should no longer be made on the seating accommodation of the Church. Messrs Evans, Nield and Co. have admirably carried out the work, and it is hoped that the whole cost will be defrayed by subscription.

The Bishop proposes to visit us on Sunday, October 9th, and will hold a Confirmation in the Church at Te Karaka at 7 p.m. Candidates will be presented from Rakaurua, Motu, Puha, and Te Karaka. We feel sure that a large congregation will assemble to witness the administration of this Apostolic Rite, to join in the prayers and praises of the sanctuary, and to hear the words of fatherly counsel and encouragement of our Chief Pastor. Special attention is directed to the valuable articles on Confirmation now appearing in this GAZETTE, a careful perusal of which will explain the Rite and remove many misconceptions and prejudices.

The Annual Report and Balance-sheet is now in print and may be had on application to the Vicar or Church Wardens.

The Vicar intends (D.V.) to make his farewell visit to the Motu District on Sunday, October 24th, conducting services as follows:—

11 a.m.—Rakaurua (Holy Communion)
2.30 p.m.—Matawai Public Hall
7.30 p.m.—Motu School (Holy Communion)

He hopes that as many friends as can conveniently do so will make a point of attending public worship on that day.

Te Puke.

Vicar:

The tenth annual general meeting of members of S. John's Church took place on Aug. 25 in McDowell's Hall. Mr. J. A. McGhie (Vicar's Warden) presided. The balance-sheet, showing an excess of £4 11s. 2d. of assets over liabilities, was read and adopted. Mr. J. A. McGhie was reappointed Vicar's Warden by the Bishop. Mr. Chas. Bishoprick was re-elected Parishioners' Warden for the tenth time. The following were elected on the Vestry: Messrs. F. Bostock, John Fenton, H. Godwin, L. Harris, J. Malyon, E. W. P. Matthews, T. E. Palmer, C. Purser, T. Tanner, jnr., R. Williams. Mr. F. Burton was reappointed Auditor. Regret was expressed at the retirement of Messrs. T. Tanner, sen., and Jas. H. Fenton from the Vestry. Mr. G. F. B. Smallbone, Napier, was elected representative on the Diocesan Synod. The usual votes of thanks were accorded all who had co-operated in the work of the Church. A special vote of thanks was accorded the Matthews family for the gift of an organ for use at Paengaroa.

After the conclusion of the business part of the meeting the evening was spent in a social manner. Musical selections were contributed by the Te Puke Glee Club, Mrs. T. Lemon, Misses Snodgrass, Burkitt, Way, Messrs. Wrigley and Bishoprick.

Rotorua.

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

The first and most important thing with us this month has been the opening of the long-expected Mission.

The Missioners, the Rev. A. H. Colville and the Rev. E. H. Strong, arrived by the express from Auckland on Saturday, September 17th, and were duly received and

commended to their work by the Vicar the same evening before a good congregation.

Sunday unfortunately opened wet, yet despite the rain some sixty communicants attended the early celebration at 8 a.m. The 11 a.m. service found an almost full Church. In the evening at 7 o'clock the Church was packed. The other services were a Children's Service and a Men's Service in the afternoon. Both were splendidly attended. The Children's Service was conducted by Mr. Strong, and at all the other services Mr. Colville preached. His words, simple and plain, but spoken with earnest conviction, must have gone home to many hearts. Altogether we have to thank God greatly for the encouraging opening of the Mission.

C.E.M.S.—On the Sunday evening before the Mission, five new members were solemnly admitted by the Vicar into the local branch of the C.E.M.S. Our branch now numbers 23 members, and has done excellent work in preparing for the Mission.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Rev. J. E. Fitzgerald for preaching to us on the Sunday fortnight before the Mission came.

Our fifth annual Daffodil "At Home" was held on the 14th September, and was a great success. Despite some extra expenses this year, a sum of nearly £17 was cleared for the Debt Extinction Fund.

Correspondence.

(The Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by his correspondents).

To the Editor, WAIAPU CHURCH GAZETTE.

SIR,—I am interested in, being a member of, the newly-formed College of S. Columba and Board of Philosophical Studies, Durham, England, which is seeking to obtain four hundred members as Foundation Fellows with the degree of "Fellow of Philosophy" (F.Ph.). The Bursar is the Rev. J. Highwood, D.C.L., M.A., and associated with him are other learned and influential men on the Board of Philosophical Study. The Society (S. Columba's College and Universities' Publication Society, Ltd.) was founded through an earlier Reading Circle in 1909 and incorporated under the Companies' Acts. There are at present several students in the College; seven books have already been published, three are ready for the Press, and there are three in preparation, whilst many more have been planned.

Dr. Highwood (in a private letter) says he is aware "of the havoc Modern Philosophy is making in our Faith, hence there never was a time more opportune than now for our scheme. We want more Fellows, more shareholders, that we may make a bold forward movement."

Now this College is neither High, Low, nor Broad, and is worthy of support. When once the "Foundation" Fellowships are filled up, a stiff examination is required from all future applicants. At present the degree is only obtainable by virtue of an Essay or Thesis, and the payment of a fee of four guineas, and a written promise to read at least one prescribed book every year (for this year Davidson's "Stoic