

The Bishop will visit the Parish for the Confirmation early in February.

LECTURE ON PALESTINE.—During a recent visit our Bishop most kindly gave a lecture on his tour through the Holy Land. The entertainment was organised by the C.E.M.S., and over £36 was taken. This will be used by the Society for Parochial purposes.

Dannevirke.

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

Curate: Rev. G. E. Kear.

During this month, in common with the rest of the Diocese, our Parish enjoyed the benefits of the General Mission. Nothing shewed more the painstaking industry and judgment of the late Canon Pollock than the way in which everything was prepared for the Missioners, and the choice of the Missioner for each Parish; and the Parochial needs and conditions being so thoroughly well considered. In Canon Ivens we had an ideal Missioner. He charmed young and old, men and women alike. A prominent hotelkeeper said of him that more men like him ought to be made. The Mission began with a Service of Reception of the Missioner, when the Parish was given into his charge. After this a service was held in the street, when the Missioner addressed a crowd of a thousand people, being, he said, the largest crowd he had had at any open-air service, even in the Old Country.

The subjects of the Mission Services were: "The Foundation," "Myself," "My Sins," "My Saviour," "My Salvation," "My Church," "My Helps," "My Future." The services for men and women were very well attended, and the children were addressed both at the Public Schools and on Sunday in the Sunday School.

On Monday evening a final Thanksgiving Service was held, at the close of which the "Te Deum" was sung by a crowded congregation. During this service most of the congregation stood and renewed their Baptismal vows. After the service was concluded, most of the congregation crowded into the Sunday School to receive memorial cards of the Mission and to say "Good-bye" to Canon Ivens. At this meeting some friends presented Canon Ivens with some greenstone ornaments as a memorial of Dannevirke.

On the next day a number of men and women of the Church gathered on the railway platform to see the last of the Missioner, and the Vicar offered prayer for his safety and success in the work. As the train left the Station, hearty cheers were given by those assembled. And so ended the Mission, but we trust that the good work begun will go on, and become more perfect from day to day.

As one of the consequences of the Mission an adult Bible Class has been started on Wednesday evenings to study the Epistle of the Philippians under the Vicar, and another one is being started on Sundays. Confirmation Classes also have been begun, and we trust that many older people will come forward for the "Laying on of Hands."

The G.F.S. and the M.U. are both flourishing exceedingly. The C.E.M.S. is also steadily working, and we trust that much good will result from the work of these Societies.

The Vicar asked the congregation to consider the question of the beginning of the permanent building. He said that he did not wish them to undertake anything yet, but only to pray over it. If they only would pray, he said, then he had no doubt that God would hear and grant.

BAPTISMS.

William Erle Rathbone, Ngaire Armstrong Wright.

Taradale.

Vicar: Rev. A. P. Clarke.

The Mission which had been looked forward to with so much hope, and which had been carefully and prayerfully prepared for, has been held. And what shall be said of its results? The complete fruits will not be known yet, but already it may be seen that a deep impression has been made upon many. Church workers, especially, have been much strengthened and refreshed, and are shewing a greater anxiety to win others for the Redeemer's Kingdom. The meetings were well attended throughout, always by a reverent and keenly attentive congregation, and if fresh proof were necessary that the old Gospel Truths always attract and impress, such was given during the few days the Missioner spent amongst us. The Rev. C. T. Horan always delivered the Message in an earnest, winning, and manly manner, never sparing nor excusing sin, but laying special stress upon the boundless love of God, and the promised power to overcome sin, and to lead a godly and Christian life.

Whilst we are deeply grateful for the Mission, it must be mentioned that the universal opinion is that a Mission of such very short duration—from Saturday to the following Thursday night—cannot possibly be as effective as one lasting a longer period.

Tauranga.

Vicar: Canon Jordan, M.A.

Our annual Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday the 30th of August, when the following gentlemen were appointed Church Wardens and Vestrymen for ensuing year, viz., Mr. C. J. Butcher, Vicar's Warden; Mr. A. W. Carmichael, Peoples' Warden; and Messrs. E. Hamilton, H. H. Olemson, H. Southey, H. Kirk, F. Alley, J. Toomath, Phillpotts, Watson and Bowden.

The Vestry are pleased to say that the Sunday offertories have been kept up very well, sufficient to meet the monthly payments of £10 guaranteed to the locum tenens—the Rev. H. S. Davies—by Mr. H. H. Olemson, on behalf of the Vicar, who, on account of ill health had for months to cease taking any Parish duties. The Vicar expresses his thanks to Rev. H. S. Davies for the efficient manner in which the Parish work was performed during his (the Vicar's) long absence.

The thanks of the Vicar and Vestry are due the Lay Reader, Mr. C. J. Butcher, Minister's Warden, who has taken services at Trinity Church, St. George's (Gate Pah), and at Bethlehem. Mr. Butcher has conducted these services most cheerfully, but yet at, no doubt, considerable inconvenience to himself.

The Vestry wish to place on record their appreciation of the valuable service rendered for many years to the Church by the late Organist, Mrs. Southey. The Vestry also regret that she could not see her way to continue her position as Organist.

The Vestry tender their thanks to Mr. H. Southey, late Parishioners' Warden, for the many years that he has filled the offices of Church Warden, Treasurer and Secretary to the Parish Vestry.

The Vestry tender their best thanks to Mr. H. Crump, the Organist, for the efficient manner that he has performed his duties since his appointment. As the salary paid Mr. Crump is not adequate it had been agreed that Mr. Crump could hold two or three sacred concerts and organ recitals, the proceeds of which were to supplement his salary. When next Mr. Crump holds an organ recital it is hoped that the parishioners will bear this in mind.

The Vestry desire to thank the Choir-master, Mr. Philpotts, who has most kindly undertaken this post as a labour of love. Those members of the congregation who are blessed with good voices would greatly help Mr. Philpotts by joining the Choir and thus render a service to the Church.

The Sunday School is flourishing under the guidance and supervision of Miss Nelmes, assisted by an efficient staff of teachers. The thanks of the Vestry are tendered to Miss Nelmes and the teachers for their attention to the spiritual welfare of the children. It would be well if there is any gentleman in the Parish who takes an interest in Sunday School work that he would take a class.

The Parish Hall is not yet clear of debt. The Parishioners' attention is drawn to this fact, and the Vestry hope that this debt may be wiped off ere long.

The Parish Guild holds its meetings at present in the Parish Hall. The Vestry desire to thank the ladies of the Guild, who, during the past year, have contributed from their funds towards reducing the debt on the Parish Hall, and for supplying the funds for installing the gas in the Church building. The Vestry would specially thank Mrs. Munro (the Guild Secretary) and Mrs. Hamilton (the Treasurer).

Ormondville.

Vicar: Rev. M. Cockerill, B.A.

The Missioner has come and gone; the Mission brought with it a great uplifting wave of religious life and fervour. After its passage will the tide of spiritual life return quite to its former level, or even to a lower ebb? We both hope not and believe not. Not all—it would be too much to look for—will have received any permanent benefit. But we are convinced there are many of those who attended throughout the Mission services who will, to whom that time will ever be one of blessed memory, as a period when they received an impulse onward and upward, whose influence, by God's grace, will never pass away.

A very good start has been made with a branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, under the Secretaryship of Miss Alice Webb, who looks at the next meeting to see a good enrolment of provisional members and associates.

We hope too, before next month, to see a branch provisionally formed of the Church of England Men's Society. Men interested are cordially invited to communicate with Mr. McDougall, who has kindly consented to the invitation of the Vicar, to give this work his earnest care.

Meetings for Bible study are now held weekly in Ormondville and Makotuku, and the attendances have been encouraging. But we hope to see these meetings steadily grow in numbers.

The Vestry held their Quarterly Meeting on the 13th October. Some very important