

matters were discussed. The necessity of considerable outlay in various directions was pointed out. In view of the large amount of revenue lost from the very many wet Sundays in this Parish, it was felt that a determined attempt must be made to induce a much more extended use of the envelope system, and the members of the Vestry resolved, each of them, as a beginning, to induce two persons to adopt the system. It is the best mode of supporting the Church systematically and on principle. If every adult parishioner gave 6d. or 1s. a week, independent of the weather or his attendance at Church, there would be revenue enough to accomplish all the objects waiting attention that the Vestry have in view as for instance the purchase of a paddock for the Clergyman's horse, repairs to the Vicarage, erection of Sunday School at Makotuku, painting of Church at Ormondville, lining of Sunday School there, etc.

Waipiro.

Vicar: Rev. G. W. Wilson.

SERVICES.

The arrangements for Services for the Summer months, unless otherwise notified, will be:—

First Sunday in the Month—Kaharau 11 a.m., Holy Communion; Tuparoa 7 p.m.

Second Sunday in the Month—Waipiro Bay, Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Te Paia School House 3 p.m.; Tokomaru Bay, 7 p.m.

Third Sunday in the Month—Tikitiki, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Port Awanui, 7 p.m.

Fourth Sunday in the Month—Tokomaru Bay, 11 a.m. Te Paia School House, 3 p.m.; Waipiro Bay, 3 p.m.

Fifth Sunday in the Month—Te Araroa, 11 a.m., Holy Communion; and 7 p.m.

VISITING.—The Vicar sincerely regrets that are still some stations—not very many—which must wait for their first visit until his return from Synod. The unavoidable exigencies of the Sunday Services, and the state of the roads are alone responsible. The unvisited stations will be the first consideration on his return from Synod early in November.

STATION SERVICES.—The Vicar very gladly avails himself of opportunities for Services at the stations on the occasion of his visits; he desires to thank the managers for their help in the past in this matter.

BAPTISMS.—Baptisms may be administered at or after any Service (without previously notifying the Vicar) or, by arrangement with the Vicar, on any week day. Where it is at all possible Baptisms should be administered in a Church.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES.—The Vicar would be glad to receive at once the names of any persons proposing to offer themselves for Confirmation. He will then make what arrangements may be possible for their instruction. The Bishop expects to visit the Parish early next year.

Wairoa.

Vicar: Rev. W. T. Rawnsley.

The Annual Meeting was held on August 17th, when the report and balance-sheet for the year were read and adopted. The accounts showed a fair credit balance in spite of a falling off in offertories owing to many wet Sundays. The names of the new Vestry are as follows: Vicar's Warden, John Davey; Peoples' Warden, J. H. Christophers;

Vestrymen: H. W. Brown, B. Burge, J. Hunter Brown, S. H. Mayson, F. Carr, A. W. Hague.

The retiring Vestry having brought up the motion, passed at the Synod of 1908, re inadequate stipends of the Clergy, it was agreed to discuss it later on. The Vicar having retired, the matter was gone into, and the new Vestry at their first meeting unanimously agreed to raise the stipend by £25 per annum.

Our Missioner, the Rev. E. D. Evans, arrived on September 18th, and the reception Service was held in St. Paul's Church the same evening. We had such very short notice of his coming that we had not made as much preparation as we desired, but in spite of this the Services were marked by increasing congregations till the Church could not hold the people. A large number of non-conformists attended, some coming to every Service of the Mission except to the celebration of the Eucharist. The Missioner has a special genius for Children's Services, and his teachings have sunk deeply into many young hearts in addition to putting strength into many older ones, that were weak in the faith "once for all delivered to the Saints." A great blessing has come to the Church here, through the Mission, and we only hope our Missioner may return and hold a similar Mission at our other centre, Christ Church, Frasertown.

On Sunday, October 2nd, the Bishop of Waiapu visited us and held Confirmation Services at Frasertown and Wairoa. An afternoon Service was held outside of the Maori Church. It was quite impossible to get the huge congregation inside, but a most inspiring Service was held in the open air. The Rev. Henare Wainohu interpreted the Bishop's Sermon.

Two of the Confirmation candidates at Frasertown were too ill to attend, and one girl, Alma Stacey, has since passed away to join the great Church Expectant. She was buried on the Sunday that was set apart for her first Communion. The other candidate is now convalescent. The one was taken and the other left. Quite a gloom settled in the little town, but we believe in the Communion of Saints and the Life Everlasting, and do not sorrow as men without hope.

Eight candidates were presented for Confirmation at the evening service at Wairoa, when the Church proved too small for the large congregation that assembled, though the aisles, vestry, and porch were filled, and two or three men squeezed into the pulpit behind the Bishop.

It is very satisfactory to notice as a result of the Mission, the increase in attendance at the 8 o'clock celebrations of Holy Communion, and the Monday evening Bible Class.

Opotiki.

Vicar: Rev. W. H. Bowden.

Our Mission was truly a time of refreshing. The time allotted to us passed away all too quickly, and we would gladly have prolonged it had it been possible.

The weather during the earlier part of the Mission was most unfavourable, but in spite of that, from start to finish the attendances were remarkable.

The Rev. G. F. C. de Carteret, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church, Greenwich, conducted our Mission, and his manly, quiet, impressive appeals, touched many hearts.

We are sure that wherever Mr. de Carteret may go, his work for the Master will be

blessed, characterised as it is by such earnest and faithful effort.

He has given us a kind and thoughtful illustration of his interest in us. Since leaving us, and in the midst of his busy work, he has found time to write us a letter brimful of kindly exhortations, which the Vicar read to us at last Sunday evening's Service.—Needless to say the remembrance was thoroughly appreciated. I cannot say whether this is a usual thing, but if the Missioners only knew how people appreciate such a remembrance, the practice would be followed up. As one member of the congregation said, "That letter was almost as good as another Mission Service."

We are delighted to hear of the beneficial effects of the Mission throughout the Diocese, and pray that the "showers of blessing" may continue.

Our work of Church restoration is still a long way off completion, but we are hoping that everything will be in order before Christmas.

The Vicar is holding Confirmation classes and there are a good many intending candidates.

Hastings.

Vicar-Diect: Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst.

The Mission, conducted by the Rev. Canon Tupper-Carey, with Mr. Joe Harris as assistant, has proved a great blessing and help to this Parish. From first to last the services were well attended, and many were greatly helped in their spiritual life by the addresses and personal advice of the Missioner.

At one of the services for men many gave in their names as willing to help in the work of the Parish, and of these thirty-three were admitted by the Bishop on Sunday evening (23rd inst.) to membership of the C.E.M.S. We hope for great things from the work of this body of loyal Churchmen. At a meeting held in the schoolroom in the previous week Mr. Hamilton was elected Secretary of the Branch, and he with Mr. Tombs were also elected as Delegates for the Conference which meets in Napier.

Since the Mission, a Service of Intercession, with Bible study, has been held on Tuesdays at 3 p.m., and a strong branch of the Mothers' Union has been formed.

The Rev. C. Gordon Biddle has left for England. The Parishioners and other friends expressed their good-will and esteem by presenting him with a purse of money and other gifts.

It is hoped that the new Vicar will be instituted to the Charge of the Parish about the middle of November.

S. Andrew's.

Vicar: Rev. O. Dean.

Our Mission closed on the evening of Sunday, September 25th, having begun on the preceding Sunday. The attendance throughout was very large, growing steadily almost every night, that of the final Sunday evening being probably the largest the Church has ever contained. One healthy and noteworthy feature was the big percentage of men at the various services—week days as well as Sundays—who gave a deep and reverent attention to all that was said. The studied absence of sensationalism on the part of the Missioner, the Rev. A. B. G. Lillingston, Vicar of Hull, was altogether admirable, but every