

"What we want is a good 'Church Book Shop,' with headquarters at Christchurch or Wellington, with sub-branches in other towns. Could we not start a Company with a capital of £2000—in 2000 shares of £1 each—to sell Church publications, &c."

**Committees: Diocesan Mission Board.**—A Recess Committee was set up to consider the means whereby the Bishop's suggestion that a Diocesan Mission Board be given effect to.

**Religious Instruction in Schools.**—The Synod again affirmed the desirability of the introduction of the New South Wales system for religious instruction in schools, and a Committee was appointed to confer with the heads of other religious bodies.

**Meetings and Conferences of Clergy.**—A quiet morning for the Clergy was arranged for in the Cathedral on the Saturday of Synod week. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30, Mattins at 10, and a third service at 11.30. At each of these three services the Rev. H. Rogers, of the Christchurch Diocese, gave most thoughtful and helpful addresses.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings Mr. Rogers very kindly acceded to a request to give an address after Mattins, and Conferences were then held in the Synod room, presided over by the Bishop. A number of subjects were introduced and discussed.

We can only hope that these Conferences will be held at future meetings of Synod, for they proved most helpful, and not the less so that now and again a touch of humour created a hearty burst of laughter. This was the case when one of the Clergy, in speaking of methods of attracting lads, deprecated the use of such methods as absentee cards, &c., describing them as "Oh! Willie, we have missed you" methods!

**The Recreations of Synod Week.**—The Bishop and Mrs. Averill very kindly gave a Garden Party on the Saturday afternoon, and a most enjoyable afternoon it proved. Fine weather, the City Band, the beautiful terraced garden, the glorious views, and last, but not least, the kindly welcome and hospitality of our Bishop and his wife, all combined to give to the many guests a most delightful and enjoyable afternoon.

On Monday the Clergy were all invited to lunch at the Bishop's house, where Mrs. Averill, assisted by a number of ladies, most assiduously waited on them, and they fared sumptuously! Needless to add the Clergy expressed their most hearty thanks to the Bishop and Mrs. Averill for their most thoughtful hospitality.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McLean also invited us to a Garden Party in their beautiful garden. Unfortunately a number of the members of Synod were unable to be present, being "on duty" that afternoon, but those who were able to attend spent a very happy afternoon, and are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. McLean for their kindness.

It would be a kind act on the part of charitably disposed housekeepers if, when making their jam, they were to set aside a pot or two to replace that which was destroyed in the Hukarere School fire. The Misses Jeffries and Brooke-Smith have kindly consented to receive any contributions at their Art Stall, the Arcade, Napier.

## Parochial News.

(N.B.—To ensure insertion in the next month's issue of the GAZETTE, matter must be received by "The Editor, WAIAPU CHURCH GAZETTE, Havelock North, Hawke's Bay," not later than the 15th of the month. Notes should be brief, and to the point, and legibly written on one side of the paper.)

### S. Augustine's, Napier.

Vicar: Rev. Canon Tuke.

It is to be hoped we may be able to chronicle in our next issue that a real representative Parish meeting was the result of the notice issued to our Parishioners calling them to attend on the 23rd to discuss the advisability of a Curate, and the ways and means of providing for one.

Another pressing question is the enlargement of the Sunday Schoolroom, which is now far too small for the classes.

If only some large-hearted generous friend would come to the rescue at this juncture in our Parish history it would be a relief indeed!

At the weekly Mission Service on Fridays we have had the pleasure of having sermons from the Rev. Dawson Thomas, the Rev. J. Wilson, and this week we are to have one from the Rev. H. Wilson, Vicar of Rongotea. The attendance is still encouraging, and we trust will continue so to be.

The Confirmation Classes are being regularly attended, and the Confirmees are looking forward to that day when they will, we pray, make their public profession, be strengthened with might in the inner man, and be faithful soldiers unto their lives' end. The actual day is not yet fixed, but the Bishop will, if possible, give us a Sunday for the solemn service next month.

The Mission is still much talked about and prayed for. Each Sunday the Mission Hymns at Evensong are appreciated by a large number of our people, who are helped to keep in touch with the Mission in this way, and by prayers for the same.

Many of our Sunday scholars are hoping to hear they have managed to pass the Diocesan examination in one or more papers, though as a School generally we do not expect to stand so high as in former years, owing to there being such a busy time before it during the Mission. Some of our pupils were only eight years old and deserve all praise for their courage in going up.

The windows of the aisle and nave of the Church will be made to open before this issue is printed, and the grating ventilators which have been carefully hidden by the linoleum will be uncovered. This will do a good deal to let in some fresh air upon our congregation, and will be highly appreciated on the hot summer nights.

The Choir made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield prior to their marriage and sang a hymn at the service. The C.E.M.S. also thoughtfully gave a present to their esteemed member. The President and Vicar spoke a few happily expressed words, and Mr. H. L. Harston also wished the happy pair all good wishes from the Choir.

We need more bass and more sopranos rather badly just now. Will some with voices, and who would like to help God's work in this way, volunteer?

Much sympathy has gone out to Mrs. Norman and her family in the terribly sad bereavement she has suffered. Her late husband was one of those quiet and conscientious men who do their work quietly and leave an impression more lasting than many who are to the fore in public life. His friends knew his value and mourn him greatly.

### BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Vernon Butler Jarden, Beatrice Esther Nelson, Elinor Mary Shield, Charles Stanley Robson, Cecilia Maud Skews, Mavis Doreen Skews.

### MARRIAGES.

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life."

Charles Cornelius McDougall to Lily May Tulley, Thomas William Timms to Mary Marguerite Bartley, Herbert Ormond Dean to Ellen Elizabeth Rose Cooper, Clarence Dale Greenfield to Ethel Irene Olive Saunders.

### BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Elizabeth Herbert, 90 years; George Edward Norman, 55 years; Jennie Olsen, 28 years.

### Taradale.

Vicar: Rev. A. P. Clarke.

The Bishop held a Confirmation Service at S. Michael's Church, Puketapu, on Sunday, 23rd October, when 2 male and 13 female candidates were presented by the Curate, Rev. G. W. Davidson. The attendance was very large, including many relations of the candidates. The Bishop's address was most helpful and impressive, and very much appreciated by old and young alike.

A Japanese Fair and Sale of Work was held in the Puketapu Hall on Wednesday, 26th October, and was successful beyond expectation, about £50 being netted.

At the close of the service on Sunday evening, 6th November, the Vicar admitted Messrs. J. H. Walker, A. Burr, and Samuel Harris into the C.E.M.S.

A Farewell Social was given to Rev. G. W. and Mrs. Davidson in the Puketapu Hall on Monday, 7th November.

During the evening Mr. Joseph Bicknell, on behalf of the people of Puketapu and surrounding district, presented Mr. Davidson with a purse of sovereigns, and Mrs. Davidson with a pair of silver-mounted vases, and in doing so expressed the great regret of the people in losing the guests of the evening.

Mr. O. McCutcheon, People's Warden, presented Mr. Davidson with a travelling rug, and Mrs. Davidson with a handbag, both on behalf of Parishioners. Mr. McCutcheon, as well as Messrs. Ballantyne, C. Codd, and McLeod spoke eulogistically of the Curate's work, and expressed the heartiest good wishes of all that happiness and success might accompany him and his in Tologa Bay.

The Vicar spoke of the earnestness and devotion Mr. Davidson had thrown into his work, the valuable assistance he had been, and said how sorry he was to lose him.

Mr. Davidson replied feelingly to all that had been said.

A pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."