

Mr. Eccles McCutcheon, Headmaster of Pukahu School, has, with the Bishop's approval, been appointed Lay Curate of the Parish. Mr. McCutcheon is no stranger to us, having lived the greater part of his life amongst us, during which time he has endeared himself to all who have known him. We may consider ourselves fortunate in having obtained his services.

Rev. F. C. Long took both services at All Saints', Taradale, on Sunday, 23rd October, and Parishioners were pleased to hear of his future work in India. It is to be hoped the C.M.A. will be well supported in their effort to send Mr. Long and others to the foreign field.

Rev. H. P. Cowx, of Waipawa, occupied the pulpit at All Saints' on Sunday evening, 30th October, and Rev. C. Saunders, of Westport, on Sunday morning, 6th November.

List of gifts for S. Michael's Church, Puketapu:—1. Font, from Sunday School Children; 2. 2 Side Lamps, Mr. George Howse; 3. Chancel Carpet, Mrs. Baharry; 4. Communion Table, Mr. W. Shrimpton; 5. Lectern and Prayer Desk, Mr. Davidson's old Club boys, Palmerston North; 6. Back Seats, Mr. W. J. Brown; 7. Prayer Desk, Dr. Henley; 8. Kneeler, Taradale Parishioners; 9. Cocoon Matting, Mr. A. Boggs; 10. Hymn Board, Mr. Allan Norris; 11. Book Shelf, Mr. C. Brown.

Havelock North.

Vicar: Rev. A. F. Gardiner.

Curate: Rev. —

The Vicar feels sure many in Havelock will be glad of a printed copy of our Missioner's letter:—

"TO THE CHURCH PEOPLE OF HAVELOCK.

"November 8, 1910.

"MY DEAR FRIENDS,

"I hope that you will let me ask of you a great favour. I am going to preach a Mission in my own Parish of S. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on my return. I am very anxious to pass on to my own dear people at Home something more than a mere description of God's wonderful work here in the N.Z. Mission. I want to carry them something of the spirit and power that has swept over us here with such marvellous results. They have prayed for you, now I ask you to pray for them in their Mission, and I know that you will. If it is not too much to ask, I should ask you to use the Prayer which I am sending daily. In this way the atmosphere of Prayer, without which no Mission can be a real blessing, will be there with us, as it has been with you.

"I shall long treasure the memory of the Havelock Mission. None that I have since taken has done anything to efface it. The intensity of our Prayer, and the realisation of the Divine Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, and in the silence of the wordless Prayer Meeting, are permanent memories. Now I send you a message of hope and encouragement. Do not lose heart at failures, your own or other people's, to maintain all that the Mission led you to resolve upon. No one who does not lose hope can ever lose his soul. In the end, he who fights on must win.

'We fall to rise,
are baffled, to fight better.'

"And with you, and within you, through the mystery of the Blessed Sacrament is the power of the All-Conquering Life of our Lord."

"God bless you and keep you.

"Yours affectionately,

"CYRIL HEPHER."

Waipawa.

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

Curate: Rev. H. Collier.

The Rev. F. C. Long paid a farewell visit to Waipawa on October 26 before proceeding to India to undertake Missionary work in connection with the Church Missionary Society. He was entertained by the Gleaners' Union at a social, where he gave two short addresses, one on the work he was about to engage in and the reason why he was going forth, the chief being the great need for more workers in India and the urgent call for reinforcements, and the other on "The Life and Character of Mahomet." Mr. Long is well-known here, for he was formerly one of the masters of Te Aute College and a Lay Reader in the Parish. His educational abilities and experience will make him a useful helper in the Edwardes College, Peshawar, where he will at once begin work by conducting daily Bible Classes in English and assisting in the teaching and control of 26 University students and 300 boys, sons of Hindu and Mahomedan gentlemen. At the conclusion of the social he was solemnly commended to God in prayer and was assured that though going far away he would often be remembered by Gleaners and friends in this Parish. The final message given to him was "Faint not, fret not, fear not," for the Lord would be with him and give him good success.

The Rev. W. H. Bowden, formerly Curate of Waipawa, revisited the Parish on his way to Synod and preached two very earnest and helpful sermons. His many friends were delighted to see and hear him once more.

Church Improvement.—S. Peter's Church will soon be lighted with gas, the expense being borne by a number of Parishioners, who have contributed liberally and willingly towards this object. The Vicar desires to thank all the donors and to assure them that he greatly appreciates their care for the House of God.

The Ladies' Guild is busy preparing for the Sale of Work to be held in the grounds of Mr. H. M. Rathbone (kindly lent for the purpose). The proceeds are to be devoted partly to Foreign Missions and partly towards Parish expenses, so the assistance of friends in every part of the Parish is respectfully requested by the Vestry.

Ormondville.

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

There is little of Parochial News, strictly so-called, to record this month.

The Girls' Friendly Society held its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 27. There was a very promising attendance and an enrolment took place of provisional members.

We hope by next month to see a similar commencement of a branch of the Church of England Men's Society.

Gisborne.

Vicar: Rev. L. Dawson Thomas.

Assistant Priest: Rev. W. H. Roberts.

Ladies' Sewing Guild.—Our Parish is wealthy indeed in the enthusiasm of its lady workers. There are two separate work parties meeting regularly. The session of the Guild meets in the Parish Schoolroom weekly and is working hard for the Building Fund of the new Parish Church. In the suburb of Mangapapa there is another band of enthusiastic ladies who are doing yeoman work for building a Church in that suburb. A Sale of Work held recently there brought in a sum of nearly £50 gross. Both Guilds are planning large efforts for the future.

Flower Show.—Our Trinity Ladies' Guild, with the assistance of friends organised a rose and general floral exhibition last month in aid of the Parish Church Building Fund. Favoured with most beautiful weather the effort was crowned with complete success, considerably over £100 being taken on the one day of the exhibition. The display of flowers was a revelation as to the beauty and variety of locally-grown flowers and fruit. The ladies are already preparing for a dahlia and chrysanthemum show in the Autumn. Apart altogether from the proceeds flower shows should be encouraged in every Parish in the Dominion. They have an educational value that is difficult to overestimate.

Assistant to the Vicar.—After a long and tiresome wait this Parish has now a resident Assistant Priest. Rev. W. H. Roberts, for some time Vicar of the Parochial District of Te Karaka, a huge country district inland from Poverty Bay, has accepted the post and is now working here. In this, the largest Parish in the Diocese in point of population, there is plenty of work for three clergy. It is our Bishop's wish that Gisborne may some day take for training a Deacon or a student for Holy Orders. We believe that there is a splendid opening in the Parish for a Deaconess. We should very much like to see one of the Kilburn sisters resident here.

Sunday School Vacation.—At the end of this month our Sunday Schools will close for three or four weeks for the Summer vacation. It is our firm opinion that children and teachers come back to their work after a vacation all the better fitted for the year's work that lies before them.

Te Karaka.

Vicar: —

Confirmation.—On Sunday, October 9th, the Bishop administered Confirmation in S. John's Church, Te Karaka, after Evening. Fourteen candidates were presented by the Vicar. The Church was full and the Bishop gave a weighty and impressive address based on the words, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

On the following night (Monday) the Bishop conducted a Mission Service. Having been arranged at short notice it was remarkable to see what a large number attended, some having come many miles to be present. The Bishop first gave an instruction on Prayer, and afterwards a Mission address. Both were greatly appreciated.