

BAPTISMS.

Ida Nerma Scrimgeour.
 Albert James Lister.
 Ivy Muriel Cooper.
 Dorothy Evelyn Cooper.
 Ronald Roderick Richings Gordon.
 Walter Charles Foster
 Myrtle Jones.
 George Ashmore Ernest Curtis.
 Muriel Emmaline Curtis.
 Roy Eustace Mann.
 Violet Mabel Ellen Mann.
 Gladys Jean Williams
 Doreen Elizabeth Williams.
 Ivy Amy Lovell.
 Eric Archibald Nicholson.

Gisborne.

Vicar: Rev. L. Dawson Thomas.

Assistant Priest: Rev. W. H. Roberts.

The Church of England Men's Society.—We have to report that the secretary of our branch of the C.E.M.S. (Mr W. O. Paulington, B.A.) has tendered his resignation owing to stress of duty. He has done very excellent work in the Society, and will be missed greatly. The Committee has asked Mr A. E. Morris to act as secretary for the time being, that is until there is a general meeting of members to elect a secretary. Mr Morris has thrown himself heartily into the work of the Society.

The Mangapapa Church Hall.—Since last issue of the Parish Magazine a decisive step has been taken in the matter of the above hall. Messrs Graham and Browne, architects, have called for tenders for the building. Mr Haismann's tender was accepted, his price being £375 for a building 50 feet by 27 feet. Financial arrangements are now being completed, and building operations will commence, we hope, at once. When completed the building will be found most useful to suburban residents.

The Mothers' Union.—The Festival of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, which fell this year on March 25th, is the day which the members of the Mothers' Union throughout the world regard as their patron Saint's Day. Falling, as it did, in the season of Lent this year, it was not possible to have anything in the way of a festive gathering. Our local branch, however, made a Corporate Communion at 10 o'clock on the day. A large number attended. It is hoped that there may be a large increase in membership in the Society here.

Visit of Miss Whitaker.—The visit of Miss Whitaker, who is touring New Zealand in connection with the Girls' Friendly Society, was crowned with success. A large number of meetings was arranged, and at every one there was a good attendance. One tangible result of Miss Whitaker's visit has been the formation of a strong branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, as mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

Tolaga Bay.

Vicar: Rev. G. W. Davidson.

The Bishop has visited us, and we feel sure his many helpful words will long be with many of us. The candidates for confirmation were Mrs Farrell, Messrs D. Trent, A. Reid, R. Holder, and F. Holder, and the Misses E. Han-

sen, E. Lincoln, M. McNeil, and L. Walker. These have all come forward for their first Communion on the 2nd of April; their friends in Tolaga with them. It rejoiced the Vicar's heart to see so many at that early celebration.

The great talk at present is on the result of our afternoon tea at the Vicarage, when about twenty ladies were present. It was resolved that a working party be started to meet occasionally, and that a church building fund be opened. Great interest is aroused to follow out our Bishop's advice to "build a temple of God in this place." The good folk at Takepau have rather forestalled the parish centre in that respect. They have a section offered free from Mr Reynolds, of Gisborne, and three gentlemen have promised £20 each for a church there. It is to be hoped that Takepau will be patient, and fall in heartily with the proposed parish church scheme. They have, indeed, already promised much help; their turn will come.

The Lenten Services at Tolaga have been very well attended, and all Holy Week Services too up to time of writing. Lenten self-denial offerings are for the Chinese Mission and Famine Relief Funds. Miss Leslie, of the C.M.A., has kindly promised us a visit, but only for a few days, when we hoped for a fortnight at least.

We are glad to have Miss Davis, of Tokomaru Bay, with us for a few days doing what she can with and among the Maori women and children here.

The Bible Class in the public school on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, continues to be very well attended; some thirty of the children are growing sweet peas (seeds presented by the Vicar), and are to have prizes for the best blooms, etc., sometime in October, when a flower show will be held. The Sunday School is increasing—40 being now on the roll. Mr Trent is superintendent, with Mrs Davidson, Mrs Holder, and Miss Reid as teachers. We still want one more teacher.

BAPTISMS.

Frederick Chadwick Taylor.
 Phyllis Noel Waide.
 Noel Henry Martin Kirby.

MARRIAGES.

John Henry McNeil to Jessie Bruce.
 David J. Ball to Edith Hick.

Waipiro.

Vicar: Rev. G. W. Wilson.

The Tokomaru Bazaar: The Tokomaru bazaar was held on March 23rd and 24th. Of the bazaar, we cannot now write in any detail. Upwards of £200 was taken on the stalls, and there is more to come in. Donations at the time of writing amount to some £400, including the magnificent donation of half-an-acre of freehold property, and £350 from Mr W. Busby. Everyone worked like Trojans. It is impossible for the Vicar to find words in which to express his intense gratitude for the loyal and altogether splendid way in which the people of Tokomaru worked. This bazaar marks, we are convinced, a new era in the history of the Church on the East Coast, and not only is a beau-

tiful brick church to be built, but better still the church people are alive to their responsibilities.

At a meeting held in conjunction with the bazaar, on the motion of Mr W. Busby, seconded by Mr Rowley (manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Tokomaru), and carried unanimously, the following gentlemen were appointed Trustees of the Tokomaru Church Building Fund, viz., Messrs G. Busby (chairman), T. G. Buchanan, R. Murphy, and W. Oates, sen., hon. secretary and treasurer.

The meeting concluded with cheers for Mr Busby.

Opotiki.

Vicar: Rev. W. H. Bawden.

The Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. Hakaraia Pahewa, reached Opotiki on Friday, March 31, and on April 2nd, consecrated the new chancel an account of which is given elsewhere. The day, fortunately, kept fine, but bad weather setting in that night made it impossible for his Lordship to carry out his proposed programme of going through to Gisborne, via the Motu. The storm continued with unabated vigour for three days, the delay necessitating the Bishop's return to Napier, via Rotorua.

The Vicar was the recipient of many telegrams from the clergy of the diocese, and other friends, conveying their good wishes and remembrances on the occasion of the consecration of the Volkner Memorial Chancel. A letter from Bishop Williams was also received, in which he expressed his regret that he could not be present on April 2nd, but promising to be with us in spirit on that day. This remembrance was much appreciated by us all.

The Ven. Archdeacon Tisdall made his first visit to this portion of his archdeaconry on April 1st, and assisted at Sunday's services. He accompanied the Bishop to Rotorua.

The holy rite of confirmation was administered on Sunday evening, April 2nd, to 16 male and 10 female candidates, chiefly adults. The accommodation of the church was taxed to its utmost capacity, the congregation filling the aisles and all available space, while even the vestry and porch were requisitioned by numbers unable to gain admission. The Bishop's addresses, both before and after Confirmation, were eminently helpful and of such an instructing character as to leave no doubt in the minds of the candidates and others of the scriptural authority for Confirmation, and of the inestimable benefit to be derived by earnestly conforming to this holy ordinance as an assured means by which God's grace and strength are communicated to us.

The service throughout was of an extremely impressive character.

BAPTISMS.

Evelyn Joyce Goldsmith.
 Hazel Annie Patterson.

MARRIAGE.

Alfred Sarkey Dickenson to Louisa Francis Warrington.

BURIAL.

Samuel Capper; aged 78.