

ever think of the happiness which we could bring into other people's lives by spontaneous and kindly giving! There is so little principle about giving even when we have the power to give. Might we not ask ourselves this Lent whether we have really done our duty in the matter of giving to parochial and diocesan objects? Give to God for the support of His work in the world, and don't wait to be asked by man.

Accept the invitation of Jesus to come up higher in your religious duties, and you will find that those duties are inestimable privileges. Think during this Lent of what Jesus has done for you, and you will never be satisfied until you have done more for Him.

May God's blessing rest upon all those who try to spend this Lent with Jesus!

You sincere Friend and Bishop,
A. W. WAIAPU.

(Prayers authorised by the Bishop, for use at Morning and Evening Prayer).

For the Diocese of Wellington.

O Lord, who didst promise to be with Thy Church always, even to the end of the world; we pray Thee to regard with Thy favour the Church of this Province, and to guide the Synod of the Diocese of Wellington in making choice of a chief Pastor for that portion of that flock.

Grant to him who shall be called to this high and holy office that he may discharge the same to the glory of Thy great Name; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the Bishop-elect of Auckland.

Almighty God, the Giver of every good gift, who hast appointed divers orders in Thy Church, look mercifully upon Thy servant, whom of Thy Divine Providence Thou hast called to the high and holy office of Bishop, and vouchsafe to him, we beseech Thee, those gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit which may enable him faithfully to discharge with humility, courage, and grace, the great trust about to be committed to him, and this we pray for Jesus Christ's sake, Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Diocesan Notes.

The Bishop's Engagements.

January 26, March 3, Tologa Bay and district.

March 4, 10, Tokomaru Bay and district.

March 11, 17, Waipiro Bay and district.

March 18, 22, Waioamatitini (Maori Synod).

March 23, Kawa Kawa.

March 24, Hicks' Bay.

March 25, 27, Raukokore.

March 28, 30, Te Kaha.

April 1, 3, Opotiki.

Marriages in Lent.

Faithful Church-people will doubtless avoid marriages in Lent, but where it is necessary for them to take place within the period of the forty days, they should be celebrated as quietly as possible, and in a morning. No marriages can take place on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday, and it is very desirable that there should be none during Holy Week.

Home Mission Fund.

The second Sunday in Lent, March 12th, is the appointed Sunday for the offerings in all the Churches in the Diocese, to be given to the Home Mission Fund. Notice will doubtless be given on the Sunday previous, so that the congregations will be prepared to give liberally, and if any members should, from any cause be absent from worship on that particular Sunday, they are invited to send their offerings to their respective Vicars. One Sunday's offerings in the year is all too little to provide for the Home Mission work of the Diocese, and faithful Church-people are earnestly invited to help systematically by becoming annual subscribers to the fund. The progress of the Diocese is hopelessly handicapped without a substantial Home Mission Fund, as it is practically the only fund to which the Bishop can look for assistance in starting any new work. Church funds are too apt to lose some of their usefulness by want of elasticity in the methods of distribution, and the truest way to help a Diocese is to put funds at the disposal of the Bishop and Standing Committee. The Home Mission Fund is entirely at the disposal of the Bishop and Standing

Committee. A Parish which does not make its Home and Foreign Mission work a prominent feature of its organisation has ceased to progress. Let the second Sunday in Lent be regarded as an opportunity for true Lenten self-denial.

Rev. J. Long.

Mr Long, writing on Christmas Day from Lahore, where he was spending three or four days, tells us of the Sunday services in the Cathedral, a building which reminded him of Napier Cathedral. At the eight o'clock Celebration about 300 were present, and at eleven o'clock, when Bishop Lefroy preached, the building was quite full. He was surprised to find such large congregations in an Indian city. There were a few Indian Christians, and rather more Eurasians.

One day, with a number of Christians, he assisted in distributing a tract with Christmas greetings on it to numbers of Hindoos and Mahomedans in the city. Some 25,000 were given out. The people took them eagerly and read them. One Missionary, Dr Porteous, also a New Zealander, had a somewhat exciting time, as a man began to argue with him, and a crowd collected. But he presently got away peacefully.

Mr Long received a cable on Christmas Eve conveying "Greetings" from a few Waiapu friends, which gave him great pleasure.

He is busy studying the language and in taking a few classes in the College.

"I do not forget," he writes, "either Waiapu or Waipiro, but pray always that God may have you in His keeping."

The Kaiser-i-Hind medal for distinguished service in India was instituted in 1899. The gold medal (first class) has now been conferred on two of our medical missionaries, Dr. A. Neve (1901) and Dr. T. L. Pennell (1910); and the silver medal (second class) on three, Dr. T. L. Pennell (1903), Dr. A. Lankester (1908), and Dr. H. T. Holland (1910); two other missionaries of the C.M.S. having received the gold and three others the silver.