

pronounced success. The teachers and scholars of the Meanee School joined Taradale, and a large number of the parents from both places attended. Tobogganing seemed to be the most popular mode of enjoyment, the mothers taking in wonderfully good part the many rents and tears of clothing, which are the inevitable result of such an amusement. All sorts of other suitable games were indulged in.

Who will help us? Two or three teachers are badly wanted in All Saints' Sunday School.

Havelock North.

Vicar: Rev. A. F. Gardiner.

Curate: Rev. L. J. Mackay, B.A.

The vicar was very glad on his return from his holiday to find the Rev. L. MacKay waiting to help him in the work of the parish, and by the end of this month we hope to have things reorganised. Archdeacon Ruddock kindly took charge in the vicar's absence.

St. Mark's, Clive, has now been re-seated, and the new seats are a great improvement. Our needs now are new lamps, a new organ, and also the painting of the nave.

For the latter we have the money in hand through the generosity of a number of the vestry at Havelock. The lamps and organ will, we hope, also soon be provided.

The services for the future will be as follows:—1st Sunday in month, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sunday, Children's Service 10.15, Celebration of Holy Communion 11, Evening 7; 3rd Sunday, 7 p.m.; 4th Sunday, Morning Prayer and Celebration 11, Evening 7.

At Havelock Mr Mylne has taken the post of choirmaster, and already there is a very marked improvement. But if a choirmaster is really to be successful it is absolutely necessary that all the members should attend the practices; one member may spoil, for instance, the singing of a chant or a psalm by mistakes in the pointing.

We welcome Woodford House school, and wish Miss Hodge and her staff all success.

The Vicar will have the privilege of taking weekly classes at the school, and we are also responsible for weekly classes at Clive and Mangatere school, and three mornings a week at the Havelock school.

Waipawa.

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

Curate: Rev. H. Collier.

St. Alban's Church, Tamumu, has been painted and varnished, and made ready for a visit from the Bishop, when he can find time to come.

Arrangements are being made for the erection of a Church at Wakarara. The Vicar has received an offer of £75 on condition that £150 is raised to meet it within three months. A canvass has commenced and it is hoped that parishioners all over the district will respond liberally to the appeal. Wakarara is one of the backblocks, and the residents, although willing to do all that lies in their power, are unable to build without assistance from those who are

better off than themselves. It has been found by experience that when a church is erected, congregations increase, revenue is promoted, and more interest is taken in church matters generally.

The Rev. H. Collier, after a residence of five years in the parish as lay assistant and curate, has resigned his post, and will be leaving about Easter. He has been diligent in work, and most persevering under difficulties, and many parishioners will regret his departure. The vestry passed a resolution, expressing their esteem and appreciation of the work done in the parish by Mr and Mrs. Collier, and wished them every success in their future sphere of work.

The Ladies' Guild held an afternoon social and presented a silver mounted leather hand-bag to Miss Johnson, their energetic secretary, in recognition of her faithful work. Complimentary speeches were made, afternoon tea dispensed, then the ladies present were photographed, and everyone went home feeling that they had spent an enjoyable afternoon.

Amongst those who rendered valuable assistance at the recent sale of work was Miss Adams, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list of names reported.

Waipukurau.

Vicar: Rev. P. W. Martin.

The workers of St. Mary's Church had every reason to be pleased with the success of the annual Floral Fete, held in the Vicarage grounds on January 18th.

The day was beautifully fine, this, together with the delightful surrounding of the vicarage gardens, and the bright show of cut blooms in the competitive stalls as well as the decorative exhibits made the Fete a decidedly pleasant attraction.

The sale stalls, controlled by ladies of the parish, all reported record business. Not the least interesting attractions during the afternoon were the Baby Show, Menagerie Race, and Maypole dances, and the proceedings were further enlivened by the presence of the Waipukurau Town Band.

The net profit for the day was £62, £40 of which will be the first instalment to the new vicarage fund, the balance will be banked to the credit of the general church fund.

The thanks of the parish are due to all the ladies and other workers who helped to make the Garden Fete such a success.

Confirmations: His Lordship the Bishop confirmed at St. Mary's on the evening of Monday, February 6th, two males and ten females, and on the next evening, at Onga Onga, three males and seven females. Several candidates were unavoidably absent.

On the following Sunday, most of them made their first communion at the early celebration at St. Mary's, and in the afternoon at Onga Onga, both attendances were large.

The Wardens are issuing an appeal for direct contributions towards the fund for building a new vicarage, which is very necessary. The present house

was built of white pine in 1871, and has been pronounced beyond repair.

Ormondville.

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

The results of the Diocesan examinations of Sunday Schools have come to hand, and we are pleased to record that the Ormondville School again heads the list of schools in general results. Out of nine who sat for examination, seven succeeded in obtaining 60 per cent. of marks in each of the three subjects, becoming thus entitled to a diocesan prize. Considering that only about 20 diocesan prizes were gained in the whole diocese, our little country school has done well. The pupils have worked hard and deserved the success gained. Of the seven prizes-winners, one, Isabella Gilmore, gained one of the six Bishop's prizes, being second in total marks in the senior grade.

Three of our teachers sat for the examination this year, all gaining certificates. One, Miss Edith Webb, gained the Bishop's prize, the only one accorded to teachers.

On Monday, February 6th, the distribution of Sunday School prizes took place in the schoolroom. An unusually fine collection of books were provided by the legatees under Miss Paterson's will, and a number of special prizes were given by the superintendent, Mr John Brabazon. After the prizes had been handed by the Vicar to their winners, the unveiling took place of the handsome portrait of the late Miss Paterson, subscribed for by the children and their friends. Mr R. R. Groom, in an appropriate speech, spoke of the long association of the departed lady with the Sunday School, and the great regard and affection felt for her by children and adults alike.

On Monday, February 14th, the confirmation took place in Ormondville of 23 candidates, of whom four were adults. One of these adults, Miss Janet Sutherland, was also formally received into the Anglican branch of the Catholic Church. The service was simple, but a most impressive one. The Bishop, in an introductory address, spoke of the scriptural authority for, and the nature of the rite of confirmation. In a powerful and impressive address after the ceremony he desired the candidates specially to remember two texts—the one being from Luke 2, 7: "There was no room for them in the inn"; the other, from Ephesians, 4, 30: "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God." He conjoined the two thoughts by urging those who had been confirmed to be ever on their guard against what he thought was the peculiar danger of modern life, namely, of crowding out religion and the following of Christ in the multiplicity and variety of engagements whether of business or of pleasure. Christianity was a loving obedience given to Christ, and foremost in that obedience was the giving to religion and its observances, performed not in a formal but in an earnest spirit, its rightful place, as a foremost duty and privilege in the midst of a life, however busily occupied in worldly pursuits.