

It cannot be too often pointed out that all men in the parish are heartily welcome to attend any of the Society's meetings.

The committee is impressed with the great need of a piano for the parish schoolroom; and is now considering ways and means of procuring a good one. It has been suggested that everyone of our men communicants should give one shilling per month for twelve months. If this were done the parish would, at the end of a year, be the possessor of a fine instrument.

A piano in the schoolroom would greatly assist parochial societies and would be a source of revenue. The men's society will, we hope, take up the work of procuring a good instrument.

C.E.M.S.: Our branch of the Men's Society has received an invitation to send delegates to a provincial congress to be held in Christchurch during April.

The order paper for the meetings shows a wide range of subjects, all bearing directly upon the work of the society.

It is hoped that our branch may see its way clear to send at least one delegate to the congress.

The Inter-Diocese Sunday School Lessons: Our Central Sunday School is using the special series of lessons introduced into the diocese last year by our Bishop.

The lessons are very excellent, and the Monthly Magazine will greatly help the teachers. We look forward confidently to doing well at the next annual school examination.

Re-opening of our Sunday Schools.—

On February 5th the two Sunday Schools in the parish began another year's work. We are still firmly of the opinion that it is a good and desirable thing to close the Sunday Schools during the very warm month of January. One or two of our people have questioned the wisdom of doing so, fearing that the children may be tempted either to stay away altogether from Sunday School or be led away to a nonconformist Sunday School. Our answer is that we trust the parents. If a parent is so pitifully weak as to allow the child to dictate which it shall or shall not do the Sunday School is really better without such children. We know of no such case in the parish however. Our experience has been that parents welcome the Sunday School vacation, and take considerable pains to send their children back on the first Sunday. There was a very large attendance at the opening service. The annual picnic had been fixed for the Saturday following, but no one would for a moment suggest that any child came to school merely to qualify for a ticket for the picnic.

Confirmation.— The Confirmation Service cannot be reported in this issue of the magazine owing to our having to go to print so early. We shall deal with it in next month's issue.

We desire, however to bear testimony here to the splendid spirit displayed by everyone of the candidates in the face of the keen disappointment occasioned by the sudden postponement of the Confirmation Service.

The failure to hold the service on the appointed day was no one's fault, it was simply one of the many penalties we pay for our isolation.

During the course of preparation much use was made of the small manuals that became so popular in the parish during the recent mission. These little books are a mass of clear church teaching, and are quite invaluable in helping candidates to prepare for confirmation.

A note to Communicants: During the season of Lent there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion every day at 7 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church. It will be a good and fitting act of self-denial if our communicants give up the necessary time and come to the early Eucharist. We appeal to the men of the parish to come, at least occasionally, to this service.

There is something very beautiful and helpful in the offering of the daily sacrifice early in the quiet hour before the parish is awake.

We earnestly hope a good number may attend each morning.

Particulars of the other special Easter services will be found in the inside portion of this magazine.

SPECIAL LENTEN ARRANGEMENTS.

During the season of Lent there will be a number of special services and sermons in the parish church. The following list has been drawn up:—

Daily Eucharist: A celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be held every morning at 7 o'clock.

Litany: The Litany will be read on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 11 o'clock.

Daily Service will be held at the following hours during the season: Mattins, 10.30 a.m.; evensong, 5.15 p.m. (except on Wednesday, when evensong is 7.30 p.m., with address).

Intercession Service: Friday evenings, at 7.30 o'clock.

Special Course of Sermons: On Sunday mornings, at 11 o'clock, there will be a course of addresses on "The Church and Present Day Problems," by the clergy of Gisborne, and the adjacent parishes. On Sunday evenings, at 7 o'clock, the Vicar will speak on "Some Familiar Hymns and their Message."

On Wednesday evenings, at 7.30 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Roberts will speak on "Some Characters from the Book of Genesis."

Following his usual custom, the Vicar will answer written questions before the sermon on Sunday evenings. The questions must be sent in before the Sunday on which they are to be answered.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

("Suffer Little Children to come unto Me.")

January 12, Ronald Bruce Read.

January 24, Maud Jones Jones, Winifred Grace Jones, Alice Cecelia Nasmith, Ethel Maud Nasmith, Mar-

garet Nasmith, Adeline Merle Somerville:

January 26th, Walter Lindsay Margoliouth.

January 30, Alice Nancy Pittar; private baptism.

February 1, John Löwe Edlsten Francis Elliott Jackson, Iris Elizabeth Annie Middleton.

February 2, Bertie Norman Claude Löwe, Ivy Maude Löwe.

February 5, Muriel Jay Collins, Ernest Leonard Owen Harding, Richard Francis Cecil Connor.

February 12, Margaret Grace Humphreys, private baptism.

BURIALS.

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

January 30, Henry James Reed.

February 5, Alice Nancy Pittar, Cecil Bertrand de Latour.

February 10, Nettie Bryce.

Te Karaka.

Priest in Charge: Rev. T. A. Meyer.

LIST OF SERVICES:—

Te Karaka: Every Sunday 7.30 p.m., 1st Sunday 11 a.m., Holy Communion.

Kaiteratahi: 1st Sunday 3 p.m.

Whakatu: 3rd Sunday 11 a.m., Holy Communion and Baptisms.

Puha: 3rd Sunday 3 p.m., Holy Communion and Baptisms.

Otoko: 1st Sunday 7 p.m., 2nd Sunday 11 a.m., Holy Communion and Baptisms, 3rd Sunday 7 p.m., 4th Sunday 7 p.m.

Rukauaroa: 1st Sunday 11 a.m., 4th Sunday 3 p.m., Holy Communion and Baptisms.

Matawai: 2nd Sunday 11 a.m., 4th Sunday 11 a.m., Holy Communion and Baptisms.

Motu: 2nd Sunday 7.30 p.m., 4th Sunday 7.30 p.m.

Services on the 5th Sunday by notice.

Two events have to be chronicled this month, as far as Te Karaka is concerned. First of all, the annual Sunday School picnic, which was held on February 2nd, in Mr Powell's paddock, near the river. It was a fine day, and over a hundred parents, friends and children attended, and enjoyed the fun and the good things provided. Then, secondly, we must mention our harvest thanksgiving services on Sunday, February 5th. The attendance at these was thinned by unfavourable weather, but since the rain was greatly needed, all felt thankful. Even the brave hearts who trotted about in the rain on Saturday to decorate the church, did not complain.

Kaiteratahi: The monthly services here are certainly brightening up. The schoolroom has been enlarged and painted during the holidays, and everything looks tidy and inviting. We have the use of a good piano, and Mr Kay, who has lately taken charge of the school, plays for us, and helps in every way, so that we may hope to see large congregations before long, and that the day of indifference is passing away.

Matawai: All will be sorry to hear that our friend and church-worker, Mr J. Pigott has left the district. He has gone to S. John's College, Auckland, to study for the ministry, and a right good man he will make to judge by the work he has put in at Matawai. The people did not allow him to go without showing their appreciation of his services. A farewell social was given in his honour, at which he was presented with a purse of sovereigns, and several speakers testified to his sterling