

Editorial Notices.

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As the Bishop is himself personally responsible for the cost of publishing the GAZETTE it is hoped that Churchmen will promptly send their subscriptions, *which need not necessarily be limited to the actual cost (2/6 posted)*. *With increased income it will be possible to further extend the usefulness of the paper.*

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SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1912.

Bishopric Endowment Fund.

WE print on another page of this month's issue of the GAZETTE an appeal on behalf of the Bishopric Endowment Fund, signed by Sir William Russell and other well-known men in the Diocese. All these have already contributed to the fund; indeed Mr. William Nelson was the first contributor some years ago, heading the list with a donation of one thousand pounds. He with the others who have signed the appeal have now given additional subscriptions, and invite the help of Churchpeople to complete the Fund. They ask for the sum of £1500, so that the Diocese may be able to claim the subsidy of £1500 offered by some of the relatives of Bishop Williams. *If the above sum is not raised by the end of this month, the offer lapses, and the*

Diocese will lose the subsidy. Towards this sum of £1500, those who have signed the appeal, together with others whose names are printed in the list which is published, have subscribed £465, so that the rest of the Diocese is only asked for a little over £1000. It will indeed be surprising if this is not forthcoming, and thus "a moderate stipend provided for the Bishop of the Diocese" through the completion of this Fund. But if this is to be effected it will be necessary for response to come from the many and not simply from the few. We ask all readers of the GAZETTE to send a contribution to the Fund. If only comparatively few are able to give largely, the many can give *some* offering, and any contributions, whether by cheque, postal orders, or otherwise, will be thankfully received by the Secretary of the Fund, Archdeacon D. Ruddock, Napier. We most earnestly trust that a prompt response may be given by Church people generally to this appeal, and that the Diocese may be in a position when it shortly welcomes the Bishop on his return, to be able to give to him the satisfaction of knowing that by the free-will offerings of Churchpeople the Fund has been completed.

Letter from the Bishop.

LONDON,
April 18th, 1912.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

We arrived safely in London on Palm Sunday, having left the "Morea" at Marseilles and travelled across France in order to visit Avignon. The weather during the voyage from New Zealand was good, and the trip from Fremantle to Port Said was very enjoyable. I was glad to find my parents fairly well, and we are looking forward to the celebration of their golden wedding on the 22nd.

The much maligned English weather has been beautiful since we arrived, and so far we have not experienced any rain. We have been able to spend most of our time out of doors.

We have spent some time in London, and have visited many familiar places, including S. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, S.P.C.K., and S.P.G. offices, etc. I have had the pleasure of visiting Canon Newbolt and Bishop Montgomery, and have received an invitation to stay with the Bishop of London. I received so many invitations to preach and speak, that it keeps me occupied part of every day in writing letters. I took a Confirmation for the Bishop of Lichfield in Stafford on Low Sunday, and am addressing a large gathering of C.E.M.S. men next Sunday. I hope to stay with the Bishop of Lichfield in the following week.

We are hoping to pay a visit shortly to Preb. H. Stewart at Stoke-on-Trent, one of my Commissaries, and later on have promised to visit my other Commissary, Canon Hassard, at Truro, when I am taking part in their Diocesan Missionary Festival.

I hope also to see Bishop Wallis (late of Wellington), and the Rev. Allan Gardiner (late of Havelock North), and to pay a visit to Liverpool to see the new Cathedral.

I am afraid I shall not have the opportunity of receiving my D.D. degree at Oxford, as the University has ceased for a time to confer Honorary degrees on Bishops pending new regulations.

I am very well, and Mrs Averill is better than she was when we left Napier.

My thoughts are constantly with you, and I am looking forward to the time when I shall resume my work in the Diocese.

We hope to leave England in the P. and O. "Malwa," which should arrive in Sydney on 22nd August, and so be back in Napier by the beginning of September.

May God bless you and keep you!

With kindest and best wishes, believe me, your sincere friend and Bishop, A. W. WAIAPU.