

The following clergy were present: Archdeacon Ruddock, Canons Mayne and Tuke, Revs. A. P. Clarke, Oliver Dean (Vicar), and C. Wilson. The Psalm (84th) was read by the Vicar, the Lessons by Canons Tuke and Mayne, whilst the fine voice of Mr. Clark was heard to advantage as Precentor. Mrs. Dean presided at the organ. The hymns chosen were 394, "O Lord of Hosts, Whose Glory Fills," and "The Church's One Foundation." After the Archdeacon gave his address, a liberal offertory was received, and after a few words of hearty thanks to the donors and various helpers from the Vicar, the proceedings terminated with the Benediction. The site on which the Church is being erected is probably one of the best at Westshore, is most centrally situated, and has a commanding view of the whole district. Messrs R. Hoyt and Sons are the builders, from plans kindly supplied by Mr. W. P. Finch. Only heart timber is being used throughout, even to the seats. The land is the generous gift of Mr. T. C. Williams, of Auckland, in response to a personal interview by the Vicar, who is thankful to announce that he has been enabled to collect the whole sum necessary for the construction of the Church, this happy result being finally attained the day after the foundation block was laid. This does not, however, include money still needed for the furnishing of the building, the providing of a bell, or the fencing of the section. The Vicar, Rev. Oliver Dean, will be most thankful to receive any contributions for these requirements.

Taradale.

Vicar: Rev. A. P. Clarke.

Lay Reader: Mr McCutcheon.

The Vicar and Rev. Oliver Dean exchanged pulpits on Sunday, 21st April.

A Harvest Festival Service was held on Monday, 6th May. Parishioners were very liberal in their offerings, and the little Church was most tastefully decorated by willing hands.

The long-promised font is now in its place at S. Thomas' Church, Meancee, and there is every hope of the bell tower being erected very shortly.

Mr. R. H. W. Bligh held meetings in All Saints' Parish Hall, one for women and another for men, on Friday, 17th May. Mr. Bligh's straight manly talks should be of great benefit.

A Missionary Gift Afternoon took place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 22nd May. The gifts will assist in furnishing the stalls with articles for the Sale of Work to be held about the middle of September.

Waipukurau.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Martin.

Curate: Rev. H. Collier.

Mr. Broadley has taken over the conductorship of the Choir, which has also been strengthened by several new members. Our Sunday School urgently requires the help of two or three more teachers, as the present few who so willingly devote their

time to this work find that without a little more help the School does not get the proper classification it should.

Mrs. Hewitt has undertaken the training of a large number of children in readiness for an entertainment in aid of the Church funds, The Sewing Guild will also soon be starting again in preparation for next Garden Fete.

TAKAPAU.—Special Services were held in S. Mark's Church on Good Friday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Both services were well attended, especially that in the morning.

On Easter Day there were two Eucharists, one at 8 a.m. and the other at 11 a.m. The large number of Communicants was most encouraging, especially the attendance at the early celebration. In the evening, Evensong was sung, when a large congregation took part in a bright and hearty service. The Church, which looked very pretty, had been suitably decorated on the Saturday afternoon by a band of willing helpers, while the musical portions of the services on Easter Day were efficiently rendered by the Choir.

SOUTH MAKARETU.—A good congregation assembled here on the afternoon of Easter Day, when the Holy Communion was again celebrated. The Sunday School which has recently been started here is making good progress under Miss Helen Buchan's superintendence. Another teacher is urgently needed, and it is to be hoped it will not be long before this need is supplied.

It is most encouraging to note the increased activity in Church life here, as evidenced by the greatly increased attendance at the monthly service, which we hope to make a fortnightly service at some future date.

ASHLEY-CLINTON.—A special Easter service was held here in the Public Hall, which had previously been decorated for the occasion by a number of devoted Church workers. A large congregation joined heartily in the Easter hymns, and a good number remained to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

The enthusiasm of our people here is always an inspiration to those whose privilege it is to minister to them.

Ormondville.

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

Our report this month will be almost exclusively of matters financial. On Saturday, 4th May, a well-attended meeting of the Vestry was held to consider the financial position of the Parish. The Ven. Archdeacon Ruddock, part of whose special duty it is to advise in reference to the financial business of a Parish, was present. It was pointed out that owing to the large number of departures of those having the interests of the Church at heart, there was a danger of the Parish being unable to meet its liabilities in the future. After a careful and full discussion, the Vestry decided that, although there was no immediate cause for alarm, there was need of the greatest economy and careful scrutiny in Parish finances in order to avoid getting into debt.

When this is in print, a Fancy Bazaar, under the auspices of the ladies at Whetukura, will have been held at Ormondville. The proceeds are to go to the Whetukura Church Building Fund. The position of that fund is as follows:—With the loan made to the vestry of £125, with which The Glebe was purchased, the amount in hand totals about £210. When £230 is reached, which it is hoped will be the case from the proceeds of the Bazaar, a gentleman in Hastings has promised £20 to make the amount £250. There are in Whetukura further promised donations of £20, making £270. Not much more is needed to put up a suitable Church, and a proposal may be laid before the parishioners at Whetukura to borrow £50 on very easy terms from the Diocesan Loan Fund wherewith to complete the undertaking.

On April 25th there passed away Mr. J. W. Edgecombe, after a painful illness of some months' duration. For about three or four years Mr. Edgecombe had been failing in health, and about a year ago he disposed of his farm at Kopua and came to live in Ormondville. He had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, especially in the neighbourhood of Takapau, where he resided for many years. His remains were interred at the latter place, the service being conducted by the vicar of this Parish. Mr. Edgecombe was a man widely respected for his integrity and uprightness, and leaves behind him a very large family of grown-up sons and daughters.

Yet another of our oldest residents has passed beyond the veil, in the person of Mr. Shaker, who died on Tuesday, May 7th, and was buried at Ormondville on May 9th. Mr. Shaker lived for many years a quiet unassuming life in this place, and his departure is a happy release from a condition of protracted suffering. Mr. Bridgman, the Wesleyan minister, conducted the burial service.

Weber.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Whibley.

The Rev. C. E. Nicholas came to Waitahora with four of the choir boys, to conduct a Harvest Festival on May 9th, as our Vicar was assisting at Woodville. I hear that the help the Rev. J. McNickle sent was much appreciated by the Waitahora congregation.

The Vicar announced a Harvest Festival for May 2nd at Weber, but the weather did not allow it.

The Vestry has erected a nice-looking picket fence in front of the Vicarage section, painted white. Other improvements are to be made as soon as everything is paid for, both for Church and Vicarage.

The Rev. F. E. Telling Simcox paid a visit to our district this month. Many of his old parishioners reside in the Weber district, and are always pleased when he shows his face among them. This was a particularly happy occasion, as he came to marry a young lady that he had known all her life. The large drawing-room at Pine Grove was filled with friends, invited by Dr. and Mrs. Riddell to witness their daughter's marriage.

Things are going on very comfortably in our district, if not there