

remains for each member to make the matter a subject of very earnest prayer. If that is done, there will be no doubt as to the issue. Our people have responded with alacrity, and offered themselves willingly, when other appeals have been made, and now that an extension of the Church is needed, we have every hope that each one will respond accordingly as God has blessed him.

The Flower Show is advertised for Wednesday and Thursday, September 11th and 12th. Good support is asked for from all who have gardens, and from others, by attending the Show on one of the days. As the Schoolroom is now larger, we shall have plenty of accommodation for afternoon tea without a tent. The Women's Guild will kindly dispense it, and Mr. W. C. Yates will be with us to stage the exhibits. Music will be supplied by the Napier Mandolin and Banjo Band. We want to see all our people patronise the Show, the proceeds of which will go towards the cost of the new aisle of the Church.

We warmly congratulate the Choir upon getting an honourable place in the competitions. With so many young singers who had never faced a critical judge and public before, Mr. Harston could not but have been well pleased at their really good performance. It was some reward for his painstaking efforts. The public seem quite satisfied that the Choir gave the best rendering of the anthem and hymn. The judge, however, thought differently, and we have to bow to his decision.

The Women's Guild held a very enjoyable social last week. It was largely attended, but the bitter night no doubt kept some away. The Church Building Fund will receive a pound or two from the proceeds, thanks to the President and her zealous assistants.

The annual meeting of the C.E.M.S. on the 28th should be a very good assembly of delegates and other C.E.M.S. men from the various branches, and some interesting debates will no doubt result. We hope that all the town members will roll up in force and show their interest in the work.

Confirmation classes will be held next month. All parishioners, married or single, who have not yet been confirmed should send their names in to the Vicar at the earliest moment. Parents with girls or lads over 14 should encourage them to think seriously over this solemn matter.

The S. Oswald's Guild includes many promising cricketers. During the cold winter nights some great games have been played in the big schoolroom with a tennis-ball. Others are good at quoits and relay races, etc.

The Vicar wishes to thank those subscribers who have sent their subscriptions in for the Church paper. The Treasurer (Archdeacon Ruddock) has now been paid in full £15 for the year ending June 30, 1911, but

the Vicar is still £6 10/- out of pocket for the "Dawn of Day," and the cost of the cover and binding.

We had the pleasure of meeting several of the clergy at a clerical meeting here this month, and Bishop Williams kindly came to be with us.

The Vicar of Wairoa gave us a visit last Sunday, and preached an excellent sermon to a very large congregation.

Mrs. Conroy-Reg has much sympathy in the loss of Mr. Reg, who bore his malady (cancer) with much fortitude and resignation.

#### BAPTISMS.

*"Suffer little Children to come unto Me."*

Jack Stephen Knibb.  
John Henry Barrington Shield.  
James Telford Struthers.  
Eila Pavitt.  
Dulcie Dorothy Gwendoline Gallaher  
Frederick Leo Sullivan.  
William Morris Hooper.

#### MARRIAGES.

*"Heirs together of the Grace of Life."*

James Charles Foreman to Mary Jane McCurdy.  
James Baird Young to Catherine Louise Coster.  
Arthur Albert Sinclair to Gladys Anderson.  
Oswald Langham Tucker to Emily Elizabeth McCarthy.  
Elias Chegwidden to Lillian May Goodger.

#### BURIALS.

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."*  
Eila Pavitt, 4 days.  
Richard Henry Reg, 60 years.

#### S. Andrew's Port Napier.

*Vicar: Rev. O. Dean.*

A Parish social and concert was held on August 30th, some really excellent items being given, which were received with the heartiest signs of approval; but perhaps the most interesting event of all was a series of presentations to four of our best Church workers, who, alas! are leaving the district: To Captain Lake (Minister's Warden) was given a handsome volume of beautiful New Zealand views; Mr. Edgeley (People's Warden), was the recipient of a fine three-volume edition of Shakespeare; Mrs. Edgeley, owing to the fact that in some very special ways she has been a helper in the work of the Church, was presented with a superior bound copy of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," whilst to Mr. R. H. Florance, who has been doing excellent work as Choirmaster, was given a splendidly bound Prayer and Tune Book combined.

The several presentations were made by the Vicar, Rev. Oliver Dean, who in glowing terms spoke of the good work done by the recipients and deplored the loss the Parish sustained by their departure. New Zealanders are a migratory people; they are often on the move, but this is very specially so at the Port, and constitutes one of our chief difficulties. "Here we have no continuing city" is a text that fitly describes the people of S. Andrew's District.

The annual meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday, August 27th. The balance-sheet showed a small credit balance. The Wardens for the ensuing year are: Messrs H. Handley and F. Smith. The following were also elected as members of the Vestry: — Messrs Speight, List, and Kemsley. A resolution was passed expressing satisfaction at the good work done by Messrs Holt and Sons in the new Church at West-shore.

#### Taradale.

*Vicar: Rev. A. P. Clarke.*

*Lay Reader: Mr McCutcheon.*

The annual meeting of Parishioners was held on Wednesday, 24th July, and was very well attended. The report and balance-sheet revealed a balance of about £11, and the accomplishment of useful necessary work. In his address the Vicar appealed for a better attendance at the various services and classes, and stated that the communicants' roll had reached the highest number in the history of the Parish. He also referred to the likelihood of the Parish being divided at an early date. He gratefully acknowledged many kindnesses shown him by Parishioners, and the good work done by many fellow-workers in the Parish. The following Churchwardens and Vestrymen were appointed: A. H. Burr, Minister's Warden; S. R. Wood, People's Warden; Vestrymen, Messrs J. Bicknell, G. Harpham, J. Langley, S. Harris, H. Harris, J. H. Rundle, W. Pointon, H. P. Kay, J. Thomson, O. McCutcheon; Auditor, Mr. H. Bull. During the evening an anthem by the Choir, and other musical items by Mrs. Thomson, Misses Chadwick, Clarke, Langley, McCutcheon, May McCutcheon, and Mr. S. R. Wood, were very well rendered.

At a subsequent meeting of the Vestry, it was decided to canvas the Parish, Archdeacon Ruddock having kindly promised to assist, with a view to a division being made. At the same meeting it was decided to purchase a new piano for the Parish hall, and hearty appreciation of Miss Chadwick's offer to get up a course of concerts for the same was expressed.

Our annual missionary sale will be held in the Parish hall on Wednesday, 18th September. The time being short, no doubt Parishioners will quicken their efforts to make it a success. The authorities will be glad to receive contributions for the following stalls: — Fancy, Plain, Produce, Sweet, Refreshment, Flower, and for the Christmas Tree.

One of the very popular socials of the G.F.S. was held on the 6th August, when those present enjoyed themselves immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinross White have kindly supplied a long-felt want by presenting a Communion set to St. Michael's, Puketapu, whilst three kind lady donors have between them accounted for the following gifts for All Saints', Taradale: — An organ lamp, a set of bookmarkers, and