

well, though no doubt it was rather too much for one person to arrange. However, he did it, and secured the handsome credit balance of £7, which beats all previous records. This sum goes towards paying off the debt on the Church, and reduces it now to £39.

The annual meeting of parishioners was held in the Church on Saturday, August 17, and was well attended, though the weather was very unfavourable. After the ordinary routine business had been gone through, various important matters were discussed. Clearing off the debt on the Church was a subject which was thoroughly gone into. A small committee was elected to collect what is required, and the following gentlemen consented to act in that capacity:—Messrs G. W. Humphreys, E. V. Palmer, and J. B. Poynter. So that before long we hope to see this burden removed, only to start a new venture. A Vicarage is badly wanted for this District, and people seem quite anxious to supply this want. Another subject which seemed to interest the meeting was the holding of an annual garden fete and sale of work and produce. It was agreed upon to make a start this year, and a meeting to arrange for it will be held on August 28th.

Mr. W. Powell and Mr. Bousfield fill the office of Churchwardens as before, and the following were elected on the Vestry:—Messrs E. V. Palmer, J. B. Poynter, G. F. Bell, F. W. Gardner, G. W. Humphreys, Williams, N. D. H. Symes, and C. E. Hindrup.

Te Puke.

Vicar: Rev. J. Hobbs.

To the Parishioners.

My Dear Friends,—We are trying an experiment, which we trust to you for success. Its object is the encouragement of that important adjunct to a hearty service, congregational response and singing. The commencement is the numerical strengthening of our Choir, which has lately been reinforced by six new members. I can only hope that they will be inspired with the loyal and painstaking example of those whom they join. The next point is that the Choir will in future be silent during the last but one verse in every hymn, and the third endeavour will be to have a congregation practice after Evensong on the first Sunday in each month.

Another experiment for which we hope success is the separation of the District into its component parts, making each part manage its own affairs. We have already had small annual Parish meetings at Maketu and Paengaroa, each having taken up the principle of systematic offerings, and each promising £15 towards the Stipend Fund of the current year—as much as either can afford for a start. Maketu has given this for the last year, in addition to collecting £13 towards Church renovation.

Last Sunday another baby was baptised, with the presence and

prayers of the Te Puke congregation, such a nice service.

Te Puke has been very deeply moved by the death, after a week's illness, of Albert Langley, commonly known as "The Tourist." He was a deservedly popular young fellow, always so ready to oblige. He was one of our band of Confirmees last year, and a member of our Choir. I shall not be the only one who will miss him greatly. During the past month two new members have been admitted into our C.E.M.S. branch, and I had looked forward to Langley as one of the next.

No doubt another report will reach you of the missions which have lately been preached by the Rev. F. Bennett among the natives. I can only say how thankful I am that the Missioner felt so encouraged in his work, and how pleased I was to accept an invitation to be present at the laying of the foundation-stone of a new Church at Rangioru.—Yours sincerely,
J. HOBBS.

Tolago Bay.

Vicar: Rev. G. W. Davidson.

The annual meeting was as poorly attended as possible. Anyhow, as Mr. Holder, Church officer, stated, it was a good sign; the parishioners were evidently quite contented with the report and balance-sheet as distributed, and with things in general. The Church balance was satisfactory, and showed that things financial were safe for this side of Christmas, when subscriptions are again payable. The Committee was able to bring the balance in credit to the Building Fund up to £250, to which can now be added cash and promises amounting to about £55—and no canvass has really been made. We feel quite sure now that a start to build will be made early in 1913. The Font Fund, in charge of the school children and teachers, is growing. Mrs. Maurice Fitzgerald's family have promised £1 towards this fund, and if other children not able to attend the regular Sunday-school are willing, I or Mr. Date will gladly receive their copper or silver coins.

Another wedding of interest took place on the 31st July, when Mr. Bert. Lincoln was united in holy matrimony to Miss Kate Lockwood. Mrs. J. Moore acted as hostess to a very large number of friends and well-wishers who came to the wedding.

The Dairy Factory will soon be an accomplished fact, and great things are expected. We trust all will go well, and that in consequence of more people in the place the congregations will be larger at all services. The winter plan of services will be discontinued next month, and the regular plan will take its place.

There have been several sad cases of sickness. No less than four of our friends are in Gisborne hospitals. We trust that many are joining in prayer that they may come happily through their afflictions.

Friends are reminded to make great preparations for the Horticultural and Industrial Show, fixed for Wednesday, 20th November. A successful show is certain, for we have a good compact working committee who are keen.

Rotorua.

Vicar: Ven. Archdeacon Tisdall, M.A.

Curate: Rev. Percy C. Davis.

Our annual meeting was held on the evening of July 25th, when there was a very fair attendance of Church members. In our last notes we gave a synopsis of the statement of accounts. Messrs A. F. Bent and P. J. Hammond were reappointed Vicar's and Parishioners' Warden respectively, and the following were elected on the Vestry:—Messrs W. E. Bennett, Carter, Giles, R. Griffiths, jun., J. Halkett, Hobden, Langdon, Lyons, Marsh, W. J. Melville, Stephens, and Wrathall.

The meeting of the Mamaku congregation was held after service on the Sunday night following. Messrs F. S. Ramson and F. G. Harwood were reappointed Church officers, and Messrs Goodacre, Gossner, Pattison, Polkinghall, C. Tyson, and Young were elected as a committee.

The August monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union was very largely attended. The address was given by Mrs. Skene Dixon, a new arrival in Rotorua, who gave a most helpful and thoughtful talk on "Home Life." The members decided to do all in their power to make Dr. Truby King's health crusade a success. When Dr. Truby King arrived in Rotorua a week later he had several splendid meetings. Mrs. Edwin Robertson has been appointed secretary to the local committee set up to co-operate with the Health Department in Dr. Truby King's work.

The C.E.M.S. men's social was held in the Parish Hall on the evening of August 13th, when a very pleasant evening was spent. There were over 90 men present, who all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. A most excellent programme of songs and recitations had been arranged by Mr. F. M. Lyons. The Vicar took the opportunity of publicly announcing Mr. Watts-Ditchfield's visit next month. Our present arrangements for him are—a mass meeting of men on the evening he arrives, September 28th, and a celebration of the Holy Communion with a devotional address at 6 o'clock on the following morning.

The Sunday-school annual prize gathering took place in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday evening in August. There was a full attendance of children and parents. After a couple of hours had been spent in games and romps, refreshments were handed round and quickly disposed of. The Vicar then briefly addressed the children on their work, after which he invited Mrs. B. S. Penney to present the various prizes that had been won.