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*P. & O. S.S. Morea.*

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

I should like to take the opportunity of thanking the many friends who sent us such shoals of telegrams to Auckland previous to our departure by the "Morea," and to assure them of our appreciation of their kindly thoughts and good wishes. From every part of the Diocese came the same kind messages and I desire, through the medium of our GAZETTE, to thank all those who sent them.

We hope to reach Sydney tomorrow and will remain there for five days. There seems to be every probability of our arriving in England on Good Friday, and I would that it were otherwise.

The weather has been kind so far, but we are anticipating heat in Sydney.

I celebrated the Holy Communion on board yesterday (Quinquagesima Sunday) at 7.45 a.m., when we had quite a large number of communicants. I also took Evensong and preached in the 2nd saloon at 8.30 p.m. The Morning Service was conducted by the Captain.

I hope to write again from Western Australia.

May God's blessing be with you.

Your sincere friend and Bishop,

A. W. WAIAPU.

## Diocesan Notes.

The Bishop and Mrs Averill left New Zealand on a visit to the Home land by the s.s. Morea on Friday, the 16th January. The Bishop expects to return in August. On the previous Tuesday, the day of his departure from Napier, the Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 7.30 a.m., when some 60 Communicants were present at this farewell service.

The Rev. John Arthur Lush, B.A., was instituted to the Charge of the Parish of Havelock North on Sexagesima Sunday by the Bishop of the Diocese. On the previous afternoon many parishioners and friends extended a welcome to him in the Havelock Parish Hall.

Parishes and Districts who wish to borrow money under the provisions of the Loan Fund Canon can obtain forms of application from Mr J. B. Fielder, Diocesan Secretary, Napier.

At the last meeting of the Standing Committee, Mr Samuel Ernest McCarthy, of Napier, S.M., was appointed a member of the Standing Committee *vice* Mr Thomas Tanner, resigned.

License as Assistant-Curate, Wai-pukurau Parish, has been granted to Rev. H. Collier, Priest; also to the Rev. Noel Francis Edward Robertshawe, Deacon, to the Parish of Hastings.

Lay-Readers' licenses have been issued to the following:—Messrs John Kay, District of Te Karaka; Manuhiri Rewiri, Wiremu Kingi, Kopae Ihakara, all to the district of Whakatane; Te Otini Himoni, Henare Pokiha, of the District of Maketu; Haimona Witini, the District of Matata; Henare Piahana, Te Kahotea Kupa, Hone Hikana, District of Tauranga; Te Wera Hemopo, Pitiroi, Te Waaka Matenga, Pakinga Hoeta, Te Waaka Tamaira, Morehu Downs, and Wiremu Hohepa, all to the District of Taupo; Paora Rangiaho, and Te Kohunui Ropaera, to the District of Ruatoki; William Charles Forsdick, District of Rotorua; and Thomas John Cory Warren, Parish of Waipawa.

Permission to officiate has been granted to Rev. Pine Tamahori, Priest; Revs. Rewi Matata, Wikiriwhi, and Manihera Manahi, Deacons.

License to the cure of souls has been issued to the Rev. Tiamona Hapimana, Priest, for the Maori District of Opotiki.

**BUILDING FUND HUKAREHE NATIVE GIRLS' SCHOOL.**—The following additional donations are acknowledged:—Per Mr H. T. Williams, Auckland: Mrs M. Clark 21s, Mr H. Brett 20s, Mr A. R. Robertson, 10s; Mr A. W. Gordon 10s, Mrs Puckey 5s; per Miss Williams Napier: Mr Halliwell 60s, Mrs Chambers 42s, Mrs Ryan 40s, Mrs Burden 5s; Mrs J. B. Fielder, 20s.

## Bishopric Endowment Fund.

The close of the Diocesan financial year is now not far distant. After June 30th, the Diocese will no longer be able to claim the subsidy of £1 for £1 for the Bishopric Fund, which still needs some £3000 for its completion. £1500 of this sum may be claimed if a like sum is raised in the Diocese. Many and great are the expenses which are necessarily entailed by the Bishop in his work in the Diocese, and the interest from the above sum would considerably help to lighten the financial strain. Is it too much to hope that in the next four months the necessary amount for the completion of the Fund may be raised? On all sides testimony is borne to the unsparing labours of our Bishop, and it would be a graceful act of the Diocese to show its appreciation of the work he has accomplished by subscribing this £1500 in his absence, so that on his return he may have an income adequate for the position and claims of his office. During the last few weeks the sum of £125 has been received. *Any sum—small or large—will be welcomed, and may be sent to the Secretary, Archdeacon D. Ruddock, Napier, or to the Treasurer, Mr F. Williams.* We make this appeal not only to those who have not yet subscribed to the Fund, but also to the many who have already contributed in time past. United effort on the part of our people would effectually place this necessary fund beyond the need of further solicitation.