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## Prayer for the Synod.

(To be used by authority of the Bishop in all Churches of the Diocese).

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, bless, we pray Thee, with Thy special favour the Council of our Bishop, Clergy, and People now about to assemble: that, in all their consultations they may have a single eye to Thy glory, and study to promote the good of Thy people and the increase of Thy Kingdom. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

## Diocese of Waiapu.

The following notice has been sent to all members of the Diocesan Synod:—

The annual session of the Synod of the Diocese of Waiapu will be held at Napier at 4 p.m. on Friday, 18th Oct., 1912.

The following services and meetings in connection with Synod have been arranged:

Friday, 18th, 11 a.m.—Synod celebration of Holy Communion at the Cathedral. 4 p.m.—Opening of Synod and President's address at the Synod Hall. At the conclusion of the President's address the officers of the Synod and the Sessional Committee on Parochial Returns and Accounts will be appointed. Nominations for the General Synod and for the Standing Committee of the Diocese will be called for. Unopposed motions for the appointment of Select Committees may be taken without notice. Reports and accounts will be received, and notices of motion for discussion on subsequent days can be given. 8 p.m.—United mass meeting in connection with the Bible in State Schools League.

Saturday, 19th — "Quiet morning" for clergy in the Chapel of the Cathedral conducted by the Rev. J. H. Rogers, M.A. 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion with first address. 10 a.m., Morning Prayer with second address. 11.15 a.m., Intercession with third address.

Sunday, 20th.—Synod services at the Cathedral, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Monday, 21st, and following days, the Synod will sit afternoons and evenings.

Tuesday, 22nd. — Official opening of the Hukarere Native Girls' School, 2.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 23rd.—The Bishop invites the clergy to meet him in conference in the Synod Hall at 10.30 a.m., and to lunch at Bishops-court afterwards.

The clergy are invited to robe in the Vestry at the services on Friday and Sunday. With a view to uniformity, cassock, surplice, and hood are to be worn. Chaplains, Canons, and officiating clergy will wear scarves also.

## Sunday School Examinations

### THE BISHOP'S DECISION

After thinking carefully over my responsibility to and for the lambs of the flock and the great difficulty of finding out the real standard of knowledge possessed by the children in the Sunday and other schools of the Diocese which come under my spiritual charge, I have decided to hold a special examination this year, and to set the papers myself.

(1) The examination will be held at the same time and under similar conditions to the ordinary Diocesan examination, viz., at the beginning of Advent.

(2) The examination will consist of a paper for senior and junior divisions on "The New Testament," and also a paper on "The Catechism and the Chief Seasons of the Christian Year."

(3) The junior division will consist of children under thirteen years of age, and the senior division of children over thirteen years of age.

(4) The questions will be simple, in order to ascertain what the children know.

(5) The clergy and superintendents are requested to see that arrangements are made for as many children as possible to enter for the examination.

(6) The junior division will be expected to know the Catechism to the end of the Commandments, with simple explanations, and the senior division will be examined on the whole of the Catechism.

(7) Clergy or superintendents will kindly send to Archdeacon Ruddock, Napier, at least a fortnight before the examination is held, the number of examination papers required for senior and junior candidates, and also forward to him the answers immediately after the examination.

N.B.—All Sunday schools are expected to enter for this examination.

(Signed) A. W. WAIAPU.

## Diocesan Notes.

The Bishop has accepted the resignation of the Rev. M. Cockerill, vicar of the Parochial District of Ormondville, to take effect at the end of the year. Mr. Cockerill will, we understand, take charge of the Parish of Waipawa, in the absence of the Rev. H. P. Cowx, who intends to pay a visit to the Old Country.

It is with regret that we hear of the serious illness of one of the oldest clergy in the Diocese, Canon Jordan.

Only a few months ago Mrs. Jordan met with a serious accident, from the effects of which she is still suffering. Much sympathy is felt for her in this additional trial.