

David Pearce Eddy to Violet Reynolds.

Edward Claude Gaisford to Rita Ernard Kebbell, at Alfredton.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Martha Livesley, aged 74 years.
William Harpham, aged 80 years
(at Taradale Cemetery).

Elizabeth Sargent, aged 74 years.
Harry Summarseil, aged 52 years.
Edward Louis Smith aged 52 years.

Lilian Smith, aged 20 years.
Harry Murrow, aged 13 years and 7 months.
Arthur Horace Tomoana Wood, aged 29 years.

S. Luke's, Havelock North.

Vicar: Rev. J. A. Lush, B.A.

Church enlargement has started, and is going speedily ahead. The old Vestry has been added to the old schoolroom, and will make a very useful addition. The old chancel has been safely moved to its place at the head of the south aisle. It is interesting and nice to know that the old wood is in first-rate condition.

We have become more and more ambitious, and now we shall not be content until the whole scheme has been carried out, i.e., tower and west end. A considerable sum has already been promised for that purpose.

It has been decided that the tower shall be erected to the memory of the late Vicar. It is hoped that every member will take part in this scheme.

The foundation stone of the new Church will be laid by the Bishop on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 4th.

C.E.M.S.—On Jan. 23rd, Dr. Falkin (London) gave an address to men in the schoolroom. His straightforward remarks were much appreciated, though there was some difference of opinion. We look forward to another such meeting.

The Sunday school will re-open on Sunday, Feb. 9th.

S. MARK'S, CLIVE.

Clive people feel they have suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. Gordon. Very heartfelt sympathy has gone out to Mr. Gordon and his family, and to Mr. and Mrs. Tanner, in their great sorrow.

We were glad to have a visit from our old friend the Rev. H. Robjohns, on Sunday, Jan. 19.

Those who were present at Holy Communion the Sunday after the Confirmation felt they were present at a living service. The number of Communicants (27) seemed to add to the depth of the service. There is no reason why every Holy Communion should not be such a service.

Five men and four young women were confirmed on the Epiphany. It was a grand idea to give the Bishop an opportunity of meeting Clive people at a light supper after the service.

We wish Mrs. Sinclair a very happy holiday. We are particularly sorry for Miss Sinclair, who has come home only to be laid up with scarlet fever. We hope she will make a speedy recovery.

We are grateful to Mrs. Illingworth for her help at the harmonium.

FUNERAL.

Jan. 17—Ellen Mary Gordon, Clive, aged 41 years.

Waipukurau.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Martin.

Curate: Rev. H. Collier.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Martin is now able to leave the local Hospital, and hope she will soon be well again.

A Garden Party was given on Tuesday by Mrs. Jack Hobson at her residence, "Pukerua," Hatuma, in aid of S. Mary's Garden Fete, and took the form of a "Book Gift" afternoon. About 50 guests assembled, and spent a most enjoyable time, and the book stall will benefit to a considerable extent.

Another Garden Party was given on Wednesday afternoon, also in aid of the Garden Fete which is to take place on Wednesday next in the vicarage grounds. For months past an energetic committee have been working hard for the different stalls, and given a fine day, it should prove a very great success. We hope to raise a substantial sum to help the Vicarage Re-building Fund.

TAKAPAU.

The annual garden fete took place in the beautiful grounds of "Orua-wharo," kindly lent for the occasion by Sydney Johnston, Esq., early in December. The day being fine, tempted a large number of visitors from all parts of the district, thus making it one of the most successful gatherings yet held.

The Ladies' Guilds of Takapau and Ashley-Clinton have every reason to be proud of the results of their splendid efforts, and our heartiest thanks are due to Mrs. Sydney Johnston and her band of willing helpers who so materially added to the success of the fete. A word of praise is also due to the voluntary and acceptable assistance rendered by Mr. Palesen and his orchestra. The Church Committee, as a result of the above effort, have banked £100.

His Lordship the Bishop held a Confirmation in S. Mark's Church, when six candidates were presented for the "laying on of hands." His Lordship delivered an inspiring address which cannot but prove helpful to the candidates and those present. Previous to the Confirmation, the recently acquired font and two memorials were dedicated.

The services on Christmas Day were well attended, the number of Communicants being most encouraging, and the Church was very prettily decorated.

ASHLEY-CLINTON.

Christmas service was conducted by the Vicar. The hall was beautifully decorated by willing helpers, and a large congregation took part in the service.

RUAHINE.

Special Christmas service was conducted in the schoolroom, followed by a celebration at which a most encouraging number partook of the Blessed Sacrament, the large percentage of men being very noticeable, which is the general rule here at all services.

LUNSDALE CHURCH.

The above Church was very nicely decorated for the Christmas service, which was heartily joined in by a very good congregation. The Blessed Sacrament was administered here also.

We have just received from Mrs. A. Deane a handsome donation of hassocks for use in S. Mark's Church, and take the opportunity of thanking Mrs. A. Deane, on behalf of the congregation, for her kindness in supplying a long-felt want.

BAPTISM.

Godfrey Hunt Carter.

Dannevirke.

Vicar: Rev. E. Robertshawe, B.A.

Curate: Rev. C. E. Nicholas.

On Dec. 18th, at S. John's, the Bishop confirmed 38 candidates (18 males, 20 females), including adults. His Lordship's sermon—based on Acts xxvii., 17, "They used helps, undergirding the ship,"—was a striking one, and was much appreciated by the congregation. On the following morning the Bishop motored to S. Michael and All Angel's, where four other candidates were confirmed, two of whom were husband and wife.

In response to an appeal by the acting Vicar for a new Communion service for S. John's, and other brass furnishings, the following articles (to the value of about £25 without the duty) have been placed in the Church during the last few months, and dedicated for the service of God:—Silver chalice, silver paten, glass flagon with silver mounts, water cruet, altar lectern, altar book, alms dish, pulpit desk, four brass vases.

Owing to the absence from Dannevirke of many Parishioners, the attendances at the Christmas Day services were somewhat reduced. On Christmas Day there were 111 Communicants, of whom 80 attended at 7.30 a.m.

For some months past Mr. G. W. Wright has been acting as Choirmaster with much acceptance, and there has been a marked increase in the attendance of Choir members.

It is only some three months since a Sunday school was begun in Mata-mau, and there are at present some 40 children in attendance. As it is impossible to accommodate all of them in the Church, a three-roomed untenanted cottage close to the Church has been kindly placed at the disposal of the teachers by Mr.