

**S. Matthew's, Hastings.***Vicar: Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst.**Curate: Rev. N. Robertshawe, M.A.*

Since last we wrote, there has been a great deal happening.

The Church Endowment Fund has been greatly augmented, and the amount promised is nearing the required sum. A second appeal has been sent out, and we trust that shortly the promises will guarantee the full sum.

The Christmas holidays are over. The Sunday School and Bible Class have again started work. On the 30th Jan. the annual school picnic was held. The children and parents travelled by special train to Farn-don. The picnic was most enjoyable, and we are thankful to say there were no accidents. Races and other amusements, together with a glorious day, made the outing most successful. We arrived home by the 6 p.m. train.

The C.E.M.S. had its monthly meeting in January, but owing to the holidays, very few were present. At the following meeting in February there were more present. After the meeting had opened with hymn, intercession, and prayers, Mr. Brabant, a member of the Cathedral branch, who had been present as our delegate at the C.E.M.S. Conference in Nelson, read a detailed account of the whole Conference. We must thank him very heartily for the great kindness and trouble he underwent on our behalf.

On Monday, Feb. 10th, the Bible in State Schools League Committee met in the Parish Hall to discuss our plan of campaign. It is most important that all persons who have a vote, and who care for the subject, should seriously think and pray over this matter. We want the cards signed by those who care for and are willing to back up this movement. On Tuesday afternoon a meeting of women was held, and Archdeacon Ruddock, who had kindly come out to the committee meeting on Monday, addressed the meeting. Those who were present expressed themselves most willing to help forward the movement in all possible ways.

On Thursdays during Lent there is Evensong at 7.30 p.m., with an address. Parishioners who care to mark the seasons of the Church's year, and to undergo such discipline as is the rule, have here a small opportunity of making use of this season for their spiritual life. We are not simply to be content with ourselves because outward things are prosperous. We need to be prepared in our times of peace for the harder times of temptation and stress.

The S. Oswald's Guild resumes work this month. We hope that it will be possible to extend our mem-

bership, and make the movement stronger.

**BAPTISMS.**

George Edward Lancaster Styles.  
Bernard George Julian.  
Mathleen Jane Roulston.  
Olive Rata Sutton.  
Dorah Gertrude Mand-Langley.  
Walter Franklin Colburne Wright.

**MARRIAGES.**

Frederick Arthur Coldicott and Edith Ruth Boyd.  
William Hamilton Maitland and Kathleen Agnes Brathwaite.  
Douglas Barrington Kent and Flora Eliza Nairn.

**DEATHS.**

Mary Jackson Baldwin.  
Mary Boosey Yool.  
James Symes.  
Gladys Robinson (infant).

**Dannevirke.***Vicar: Rev. E. Robertshawe, B.A.**Curate: Rev. C. E. Nicholas.*

The Rev. E. Robertshawe sailed from England by the Rotorua about the middle of February, and hopes to arrive in Wellington towards the end of March. The Rev. J. A. McNickle, who has been acting Vicar for the past year, leaves for Te Aute College on 1st March, and will be succeeded for the month of March by the Rev. W. Ford-Hutchinson.

At the usual monthly meeting of the C.E.M.S., held on Feb. 3rd, an address was given by the acting Vicar on "The History of the Church of England for the First Seven Centuries."

The annual picnic of the scholars of S. John's Sunday school was to have been held at Oringi on 31st Jan., but, like last year, the weather was inclement, and at 9 o'clock the train arrangements had to be cancelled. The picnic was held instead in the Domain, where good shelter was provided. A happy day was spent in sports, races, and games, and there was an abundance of refreshments. About a hundred scholars were present, but hardly any parents.

A very pleasing function took place on the 22nd Jan., when Mrs. W. F. Knight entertained the members of the Mothers' Union and Girls' Friendly Society at a garden party at her residence, Tahoraite. All enjoyed themselves, and before dispersing, the Rev. Mr. McNickle moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Knight for her kind entertainment, which was heartily carried. Mrs. Knight responded in a few well-chosen words, and expressed great pleasure at the hearty response to her invitation.

On Wednesday, 19th Feb., a similar gathering for the members of the M.U. and the G.F.S. took place through the kindness of Mrs. W. H. Hartgill, at her residence, Guy

street. On each occasion a short service was held in S. John's Church previous to setting out.

A most successful Sale of Work, promoted by Mesdames E. Cowper and W. F. Knight in aid of the missions of the Diocese (Melanesian, Maori, and Home), was held on the 29th Jan., in the grounds of Mr. H. W. Giesen. About £26 were the net proceeds. In addition to a work stall, there were a refreshment stall and lollie stall, together with a bran-tub. The day was beautifully fine, so that almost all the business was transacted out of doors.

**Tauranga.***Acting-Vicar: Rev. C. Wilson.*

The Ash Wednesday and other Lenten services have so far been well attended. The Vicar is preaching a course of addresses on "Power," on Wednesday evenings, besides a course on Sunday nights. There is also a service for children on Friday afternoons.

For the present no services in the surrounding districts can be undertaken except Bethlehem on the first and third Sundays, at 2.30 p.m., and Gate Pa on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, at 3 p.m., besides celebrations of the Holy Communion when possible to be arranged.

Classes of preparation for Confirmation are being held on Mondays, to which all are invited, and on Tuesdays for men only. The Bishop is expected here at Easter.

The Sunday school opened at Quinquagesima, and the prizes were presented on the following Sunday. Several new teachers have offered their services, for which we are extremely grateful; but our greatest need is a Superintendent. Our late Superintendent, Mr. H. S. Hills, of the Public Works Department, has been transferred to Wellington, and the Parish has thereby suffered a great loss. Coming so soon after Mr. Eric Lyon's departure, we feel it more severely, for they were both keen young lay readers. Mr. Hills was one of those very satisfactory Church workers who was most loyal, and would never allow anything at all to interfere with his duties. Tauranga feels the loss of him in other ways, for he was an excellent captain of our senior Cadets.

The Ladies' Guild has presented to the Church a set of kneeling pads, and has so met one of our pressing needs. A green dossal has also been hung in the chancel.

A general meeting of parishioners will be held immediately after Easter to consider what can be done to pay off the debt of honour to the late Vicar of £209. Nothing will be undertaken in the Parish until this is paid off.