

Otane.*Vicar: Rev. G. W. Davidson.*

The most important event is the departure of Mr and Mrs Warren to England for an extended term. They have been most keen in having a settled Vicar for Otane, Te Aute and Elsthorpe, and they have the satisfaction of seeing the new Vicar and family about settled before they left. They have been most unwearied and unselfish in all that helped in the work for Christ and His Church in this parish, and all sorts and conditions of people will miss them sadly, for they were always about doing good. There was a special Celebration of Holy Communion at the College Chapel the Sunday before they left, the Rev. M. McNickle and Rev. Frank Bennett taking the service, the Vicar also being present. Mr Warren has for the present resigned his place on the Committee, and the Diocesan Synod, and also his lay-readership. We wish them God speed and a happy return some two years hence.

The regular plan of services for the different centres has not been arranged but it is hoped to have services, one 8 a.m., one 11 a.m., and one 3 p.m., and four Sunday evening services each month at Otane, with the help of lay-readers; at Elsthorpe, two Sundays a month and Te Aute one Sunday morning, one Sunday afternoon and every Sunday evening with the help of lay-readers, etc. The Lenten week-night services at different centres have already commenced with satisfactory attendances, some being held just before Ash Wednesday for convenience.

The Vicarage and all the fittings ought to be quite finished by the end of March.

Taradale.*Vicar: Rev. A. P. Clarke.*

Parishioners considered themselves most fortunate in receiving a visit from our new Bishop so soon after his consecration as Sunday March 8. He most kindly gave us the whole Sunday, preaching both Morning and Evening at All Saints', and giving the children a Service in the afternoon.

All the Services were well attended and much appreciated. We are looking forward to meeting the Bishop at a welcome social at some future date.

The Vicar distributed the Sunday School prizes to the Meane children on Friday, March 13th. Mrs Hubert Harris and the Misses Thomas are mainly responsible for the good work in this School.

We held our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, March 22nd. It was gratifying that Parishioners sent such a good display of the fruits of the earth. Hawke's Bay is indeed fortunate in having a climate which can produce such magnificent fruits as were to be seen in All Saints' Church on Sunday,

Havelock-cum-Clive.*Vicar: Rev. J. A. Lush, B.A.**Curate: Rev. Lionel Mackay, B.A.***S. Luke's, Havelock North.**

The Clergy wish all a very happy Easter, and the real Easter comfort to the sick. The attendance at the Lent Services has been fair.

On Sunday, March 8th, the Ven. Archdeacon Neild, Secretary in New Zealand to the Melanesian Mission, preached at the Morning Service on behalf of the Mission. In the afternoon he gave an address to the Sunday School, and afterwards at the Vicarage met the members of the Children's Missionary Band. After a consultation the children decided to allocate the £10 made at their sale to the maintenance of a bed in the Welchman Memorial Hospital at Maravovo, Solomon Islands. We were sorry Archdeacon Neild could not visit the schools. We hope next time we shall have him for a week-day. Some of us were glad of the opportunity of being led by him in Intercessions for the Mission at Compline on Saturday night. The chief note of his message to us was the tremendous need of prayer for the Mission. Those who wish to keep in touch with the Melanesian Mission can obtain the "Southern Cross Log," the monthly paper of the Mission, giving an account of its work, from Miss M. Williams, Muritai.

On Wednesday, April 29th, the Choir will give a concert in the Hall. The proceeds will be devoted to the Choir fund.

Mrs H. A. M. Roberts, who has been a member of the Choir since she came to this district, will probably be leaving us in a short time. We shall be sorry to lose her—she has been a great help. We give her and her husband and family our very best wishes.

The Choir boys' vestry is in great need of furniture of a simple sort—a carpet of some kind, a table, a bookshelf, and one or two pictures. The Vicar would find suitable pictures for 3/6 or 4/- each.

St, Mark's, Clive.

We are all sorry to lose Mrs Bateman, who is now well on her way to the Old Country; our best wishes go with her on her journey. It is hardly necessary to do more than refer to all Mrs Bateman has done for the Church and for Clive in general. We all know so well how deeply she has had the welfare of Clive at heart, and how she has always been the moving spirit in anything for its good. We are grateful for all she has done.

During Lent Services have been held on Thursday evenings, and there has been a fairly good attendance at these Services.

The Sunday School children's self-denial offerings in Lent are for Miss St. Hill's children's country holiday

fund. We hope that this will be the means of giving a number of East End London children a fortnight's fresh air in the country.

For the time being Mr Herbert Hague has consented to take on the secretarial work of the Church left vacant by Mr Sinclair.

Until definite arrangements are made. Mr George Thornton and Miss D. Taylor are very kindly acting as organists. We are glad that the Choir is keeping together so well.

After Easter it is hoped to hold Confirmation Classes in Clive. The clergy will be glad to hear of any who desire to attend these classes.

BAPTISMS.

William Stuart Meads,
John James Drummond,
Neredah Arling Hampton,
Lena Winifred Marlow,
Leslie Trevor Forward.

MARRIAGES.

Hugh Leonard Gillies Drummond to Mary Lucy Thomson,
James Lawrence Franklin to Ada Brittin.

Te Karaka Railway District.*Vicar: G. W. Robinson.*

It is some time since a report was sent from this district; your correspondent must plead still more work, needing increased attention. However, the longer the time, the more to write about, and in a new and constantly changing district, we have a deal to interest and to call for prayer and sympathy.

The farewell visit of our late Bishop, though necessarily very brief, was greatly appreciated, but the deep note of regret at the coming loss of one who has taken a great and true interest in the work here, of which he was the founder, was very pronounced. Crowded services were held at Otoko and Matawai, the only two places it was possible for his Lordship to visit. At Matawai, after a most impressive service, the people remained for a brief conversation and exchange of farewells with "Our Bishop," whose parting words will be remembered with gratitude by all. Our thanks are due to the ladies who handed round excellent refreshments.

The railway work here has slackened down very considerably, but increased settlement and opening up of a large sawmilling industry have more than made up for the lessened work on the line.

It is a great pleasure to report more regular services and much improved attendance. Otoko keeps up well, when the small population is considered, while at Matawai and Motu, attendance is very good and regular. As soon as the new Communion vessels arrive, it is proposed (D.V.) to hold a monthly Celebration in each of the four centres here. The event of most importance, is