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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST, 1914.

1	S	
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3	M	8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY—M., I Chron. 29, 9-29; Rom. 2, 17.
4	Tu	[E., II Chron. 1 or I Kings 3; Matt. 17, 14]
5	W	
6	Th	<i>Transfiguration of our Lord.</i>
7	F	
8	S	
9	☿	9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY—M., I Kings 10, 1-25; Rom. 8, 18.
10	M	[E., I Kings 11, 1-15 or 11, 26; Matt. 21, 23]
11	Tu	
12	W	
13	Th	
14	F	
15	S	
16	☿	10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY—M., I Kings 12; Rom. 13.
17	M	[E., I Kings 13 or 17; Matt. 25, 1-31.]
18	Tu	
19	W	
20	Th	
21	F	
22	S	
23	☿	11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY—M., I Kings 18; I Cor. 4, 1-18.
24	M	[E., I Kings, 19 or 21; Matt. 27, 57.]
25	Tu	<i>S. Bartholomew, A. & M.—M., Gen. 28, 10-18; I Cor. 4, 18 and 5.</i>
26	W	[E., Deut. 18, 15; Matt. 28.]
27	Th	
28	Fr	
29	S	<i>Beheading of S. John Baptist—M., Ezekiel 3, 15; I Cor. 9.</i>
30	☿	[E., Ezekiel 8; S. Mark 3, 13.]
31	M	12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY—M., I Kings 22, 1-41; I Cor. 10 & 11, 1
		[E., II Kings 2, 1-16 or 4, 3-38; Mark 4, 1-35]

Prayers.

For Church Workers.

O Lord, without Whom our labour is but lost, and with Whom Thy little ones go forth as the mighty; Be present to all works in Thy Church which are undertaken according to Thy Will, and grant to Thy labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the bliss of serving Thee in Heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Unity of the Church.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst to Thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the

faith of Thy Church, and vouchsafe to give it peace and unity, according to Thy Will, Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

For Sinners.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon all who sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee. Send to them the Light of Thy Holy Spirit to teach them their great need, and of Thy tender pity bring them to true repentance and to Thy Service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Perseverance.

O Almighty God, Who having begun a good work in us, wilt perform it until the day of Jesus

Christ; Grant that our love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all judgment, that we may approve things that are excellent, that we may be sincere and without offence, till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God. Amen.

The Christian faith does not exclude all other faiths, it includes them all in itself. Christianity does not claim to be the only faith. It claims only to be the manifold wisdom of God; the only faith that unites in itself the full truth of God, which finds in other faiths its partial utterance.—International Review of Missions.

Letter from the Bishop.

Bishopscourt.

My dear People,

I regret that I was unable in last month's number to give an account of my visit to that part of the Diocese which lies immediately north of Napier—a tour which began at Gisborne and ended at Wairoa.

I reached Gisborne, accompanied by Mrs Sedgwick, on June 3rd, after a delightful passage from Napier. There we were met by the Vicar, and one of his parishioners, Mr Nicholls, who kindly drove us in his motor to the Vicarage where we received a warm welcome. There was a civic reception in the Scottish Hall in the evening of Thursday, June 4th, the Mayor presiding, and I shall not easily forget the warm welcome which we received at the hands of the city fathers. But the never to be forgotten thing was the way in which the Church people of Holy Trinity, Gisborne, raised the sum of £1,100 on Trinity Sunday, the day of their Patronal Festival. I am most thankful for this splendid effort, not only because it relieves the parish of a heavy portion of the debt, but it is further testimony to what can be done by prayer and self-sacrifice. I look forward hopefully to the time when all God's work will be done by direct giving, and bazaars and such like will be abolished.

I was able to visit the surrounding district and saw with interest the steady expansion of the town, and realised the need of a strong clerical staff to meet the corresponding growing spiritual needs of the place. At Kaiti there is a good Mission Church which is now free of debt. One of the parishioners said that if the £1,100 was given on Trinity Sunday in the Parish Church, he would be responsible for the remaining debt (£400) on the Kaiti Mission Church. This he has generously done.

I was also welcomed at Mangapapa Mission Hall where we spent a delightfully happy evening. Here we shall have a Church before very long, for the people are spiritually alive and keen.

I had the great pleasure too of meeting the C.E.M.S. members of Holy Trinity at a social gathering. It was at this meeting that the men decided to make a great effort

to raise the remaining sum of something under £2,000 for next Trinity Sunday, and with it will go the last burden of debt on the Parish Church. I have promised to be there to consecrate it. I believe I shall.

After this happy time at Gisborne, I went to Paha where I was the guest of Mr L. Maclean, and on Sunday, June 14th, I re-opened the little Maori Church at Paha. The Church was full to overflowing. Here after service we were hospitably entertained at lunch by the Maori congregation. At Paha I am placing a young Maori deacon after Christmas. On Sunday evening I preached at Patutahi where we had a full Church and bright service, and a warm welcome from the Vicar and his wife, Mr and Mrs Rawnsley.

I am afraid that I am exceeding my space, so must leave my Wairoa trip for the next issue.

My visit to Gisborne was a very happy one, for I realised afresh what we are sometimes inclined to forget, that with all the superficial irreligion, there are strong staunch hearts that beat in harmony with the heart of Christ, and are, therefore, capable of self-sacrifice. The Church of Christ is a living Church and the dear old Church of England is a living part of it.

I am,

Yours very sincerely in Christ,

Wm. WALMSLEY WAIAPU.

Bishop's Engagements.

Sunday, August 2nd: Ashley-Clinton, 11 a.m., and Holy Communion; Takapau, 7 p.m.

Monday, 3rd: Ashley-Clinton, Social, 2.30 p.m.; Takapau, 8 p.m., social and welcome.

Tuesday, 4th: Consecration of Maori Church at Takapau, 11 a.m.; Takapau Vicarage, meeting of ladies re Social Work 2.30 p.m.

Sunday, August 9th: Waipukurau, 11 a.m. and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Confirmation.

Monday, 10th: Social, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 13th: Confirmation at Havelock, 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, August 16th: Porangahau (Services to be arranged).

Thursday, 20th: Lecture at S. Augustine's Schoolroom.

Sunday, August 23rd: Waipawa, (Services to be arranged), and social.

Sunday, August 30th: Elsthorpe and Otane.

Monday, 31st: Mangakuri, Evening.

Tuesday: Social of welcome, Otane.

Diocesan Examination for Sunday Schools, 1914.

The Bishop has decided that as a number of the Clergy have expressed the opinion that it is not possible in one year adequately to prepare the children for examination in the whole of the lessons included in the fourth year's course of the Inter Diocesan Series, this year the examination in November shall be on lessons 1 to 26 and the following year on lessons 27 to end.

There will be three grades:— 1, Junior, up to 12 years of age; 2, Intermediate, from 12 to 14 years; 3, Senior, over 14 years.

Two separate papers will be given for each grade, one on the Biblical lessons, and the other on the Catechism.

The Intermediate Grade will be examined on the Senior Grade lessons, but different examination papers will be set for each. The Junior pupils will be specially examined on lessons: 1, 4, 5, 17, 23, and 24 (Church Seasons), and 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 (Catechism).

It will be noticed that only a portion of the Catechism is set down for examination in all grades, but the Bishop urges that to every child of 12 years and upward, the whole of the Catechism be taught and explained.

Subscriptions to "Gazette."

Miss Dixon 4/-, W. P. Locke £1 12/6, Rev. T. Meyer 7/6, Rangi Hauparua 5/-, Miss Lee 2/6, Miss Davis 3/-, Rev Meyer 12/6, Mrs G. House 2/6, G. G. Bridges 2/6, Mrs K. Kitto 2/6, M. B. Vynar 2/6, Mrs L. E. Baker 2/6, Rev J. Simpkin £10, Mrs Price 4/-, Mrs Goodyear 2/6, P. C. Davis 2/6, Canon Mayne £5, Miss Davey 2/6, Mrs Sladford 2/6, Mrs Dunnage 2/6, Rev. E. Davidson £1, W. H. Davidson 2/6, Rev. H. Collier 2/6, Mrs White 3/, Rev. P. Kokiri 2/6, Rev. H. T. Rawnsley 2/6, F. Grayling 2/6, Mrs Scruby 2/6, Mrs Davies 2/6, J. Neal 2/6, Rev. Meyer 13/6, Messrs Crerar £1 4/1.

Correspondence.

56, Hawkes Street,
Wellington,

July 23rd, 1914.

To the Editor,
"Waiapu Church Gazette,"

Napier.

Dear Sir,

Herewith I enclose you copy of a letter from General Chang, Military Adviser to the President of China, to the Editor of the London Daily News and Leader, stating a few startling facts, and containing an urgent appeal from China against the continued sale of Opium in the foreign settlements in China.

Owing to the discontinuance of the cultivation of opium in China and the stoppage of the import from India, the opium merchants in Shanghai are making immense fortunes from the stock which they now have in hand, as owing to the drastic regulations against smoking, the wealthy opium sots are congregating to the foreign settlements in Shanghai and Hankow where they can smoke without molestation under the protection of the hated foreigner.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

H. S. BLACKBURNE.

Hon. Secretary N.Z. Anti-Opium Association.

CHINA AND OPIUM.

General Chang's Complaint against British Merchants.

(To the Editor.)

Peking, May 4th 1914.

Sir,

I trust that you will again allow me to put before your readers a few facts concerning the opium traffic in China, from which our nation has grievously suffered, and alas! is still suffering, in some respects, more than ever before.

I do not wish to burden your readers with a detailed account of the progress China has made, especially in the last year, in her anti-opium campaign. Suffice to say that the progress has been so rapid that we hopefully expect the British Minister, after thorough inspection, to declare several more provinces free from the cultivation of the poppy, and therefore entitled to prohibit the importation of any more Indian opium. But while it is admitted on all hands that

China has made great strides in the matter of reducing the native production of opium, and has made unprecedented sacrifices in order to accomplish this end, it is exceedingly regretted that, on the eve of her emancipation from the evils of this age-long vice, she is obliged to submit to the ruthless and heartless manner in which British merchants, under the protection of the Shanghai "Model Settlement," are exploiting her to the fullest extent of their ability. These merchants are taking advantage of the present situation, and insisting upon receiving unheard-of prices for each chest of their "black poison."

I beg to send you herewith synopsis of the reports of the Shanghai opium stocks, as they appeared at intervals between August 8th, 1913, and March 20th, 1914. Your readers will be surprised to learn that the price has jumped from £340 per chest last August to £900 per chest in March last, and the prospect is good for still higher prices.

The present enormous price is due entirely to the rapid extinction of the cultivation of the poppy in China, and the scarcity of the native drug on the market, as well as the cessation last year of the importation of Indian opium. Knowing as they do the weakness of opium smokers, the British merchants have taken advantage of them unfairly, and inflated the prices to such an extent that only the well-to-do classes, who can afford to move to the foreign settlements of Shanghai, may still continue in the use of the drug, but this does not reduce the price demanded by the merchants, as they feel confident that the remaining stock on their hands at the end of this year will command still higher prices, in spite of the fact that the trade is to be declared extinct at the end of this year.

Such is the situation to-day; a situation fraught with great danger to China. Last year the foreign banks in Shanghai tried to bring pressure upon China to compel her to grant the opium traders unrestricted freedom to sell the drug in the open market, so as to save both of them from financial ruin. Owing to the high prices now prevailing, those concerned have gotten out of the "coup," and large profits have been made, especially by the merchants interested.

The idea is fast growing among

the opium merchants, that next year will be the most glorious year yet for the opium trade, as they feel that they will be allowed further freedom to dispose of their unsold drugs without let or hindrance. They confidently expect that the prices will be as high as £1,300 to £2,000 per chest, and this is quite possible, in view of the present rapid advance in the prices, and the weakness of those who are addicted to the vile habit.

It is under the British flag that such a great crime, unparalleled in the history of a civilised nation, is being inflicted upon us. The most deplorable part of the whole matter is that this great and monstrous crime is allowed by your Government, although it is fully aware of all the facts.

Negotiations are now going on between our own Government and the British Minister in Peking regarding the disposal of the remainder of the stock of opium in Shanghai at the end of this year, and I beg to appeal, through the medium of your widely-read journal, to the best elements of the civilised British nation, not to allow their own tolerant and liberty-loving Government to inflict upon us such a terrible crime as to allow the traffic in opium to continue any longer, for it appears to us a grave crime to see British merchants fattening themselves at the expense of the happiness of our long-oppressed nation.

L. CHANG,

Military Advisor to the President of China, and President of the National Opium Prohibition Union.

Chests remaining—	1914.	1913.
August 8	15,735	17,130.5
August 22	15,268	17,939.5
September 19	13,700	19,022
October 17	12,509	19,022
October 31	11,915	19,023
November 14	11,396	19,425
November 28	10,892	19,956
December 12	10,353	19,972
December 26	9,977.5	20,416
January 9	9,511	21,167
January 23	8,899	20,920
February 6	8,545	20,636.5
February 20	5,180	20,164.5
March 20	7,743.5	18,793.5

Between January 1st, 1914, and March 20th, 1914, sixty-six (66) chests were imported.

In the period in question the selling price per chest rose from taels 2,625 to taels 5,475.

Girls' Friendly Society

Two council meetings were held during the month of July. At the first meeting, on the 6th, a discussion was held on the building of a Lodge, and three ladies representing the H. B. Ladies' Syndicate attended by invitation. This Syndicate has presented to the Lodge Fund the sum of £330 on condition the Lodge was completed within twelve months. A building Committee, consisting of Mrs Tuke, Mrs Lowry, Miss E. Williams and Messrs F. W. Williams, G. F. Morley and F. J. Stopford was appointed. The Secretary was asked to write to Miss MacMichael, who represents the Diocese in England, for help from the Central Fund towards the Lodge.

At the meeting on the 22nd, a letter was read from Mrs Colquhoun, the Dunedin Diocesan Secretary, asking if the Waiapu Diocese would agree to the appointment of Miss Raine as Organising Secretary and contribute £30 towards her expenses. The Council consented to do so.

Miss Griffin sent in her resignation as Secretary to S. Luke's branch, Rotorua, which was accepted with regret and Miss Hare was elected in her place.

Hostel Subscriptions Received.

J. S. Large (2nd donation)	1	1	0
Mrs Hansard	2	2	0
Mrs White	2	2	0
Miss V. Russell	1	0	0
Misses Williams	10	0	0
Mrs Lowry	5	5	0
Mrs A. H. Russell	5	0	0
Associate	2	0	0
Mrs Coleman	5	0	0
Mrs T. H. Lowry	50	0	0
F. Logan	2	2	0
Mrs Wenley	3	0	0
T. Clark	5	0	0
J. N. Williams			
(2nd donation)	100	0	0
Frank Williams	5	5	0
"A Friend"	2	2	0
Mrs Sydney Johnston	10	0	0
Mrs W. M. Newman	1	0	0
Miss A. L. Williams	30	0	0
Taylor White	2	2	0
Miss Keith	5	0	0
Kowhai		10	0
Mrs C. H. Maclean	5	0	0
Mrs Canning	1	1	0
Jumble Sale (small sums still to come in)	53	1	6
Mrs Martin		5	0
	308	18	6
Previously acknowledged	687	1	6
Total	£996	0	0

Rescue Work.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

President—Mrs Sedgwick, Bishopscourt, Napier.

Secretary—Mrs F. W. Williams, "Te Rawhiti," Napier.

Mrs Compline, Havelock North, H.B. (representing Matamau and Country Districts of Dannevirke).

Mrs Harding, Waipukurau (representing the District of Waipukurau).

Mrs Frank Hutchinson, Jun., Risington, H.B. (representing the District of Puketapu).

Miss Keith, Pukehou, H.B. (representing the District of Otane).

Mrs Munro, Te Hauke, H.B. (representing the Maoris).

Mrs W. H. Nelson, "Laureston," Woodville, H.B. (representing the District of Woodville).

Mrs Richmond, Havelock North, H.B. (representing the Parish of Havelock North).

Mrs Ruddock, Napier Terrace, Napier (representing the District of Weber).

Mrs Thorp, Colenso Hill, Napier (representing the District of S. Augustine's, Napier).

Mrs Sedgwick, Bishopscourt, Napier, H.B. (representing the District of Takapau, H.B.).

Mrs Sheath, Fitzroy Road, Napier (representing the Cathedral Parish of S. John the Divine, Napier, H.B.).

Mrs Kinross White, Puketapu, H.B. (representing the District of Ormondville, H.B.).

Mrs F. W. Williams, "Te Rawhiti," Napier (representing the District of Tolaga Bay).

Miss Williams, "Taumata," Napier (representing the District of Waipiro Bay).

The need of a Rescue Home was affirmed by the Synod of the Diocese in 1912, and the Bishop was requested by the Standing Committee to secure the services of a Deaconess to organise this work of mercy and to take the oversight of such.

A Deaconess who has been trained in England, and who for some time past was the head of a Deaconess' Institution in the Home Country, is due to arrive in New Zealand towards the end of August.

Buildings which are thought to be suitable have been secured for the "Home," and it is estimated that it will be necessary to raise the sum of £300 for working expenses

in the first year, besides the cost of furnishing the same.

The Committee make an earnest appeal for donations to meet the initial outlay and for yearly subscriptions for the maintenance of the work. Such may be paid to members of Committees established in the various parishes or districts of the Diocese, to members of the Central Committee or directly to myself.

M. H. SEDGWICK,

President.

Napier, July 15th, 1914.

Bible in State Schools.

After taking the trouble to look into the operation of the Bible reading in schools' system in Australian States, Mr G. N. Thompson member for Dunedin North, has come to the conclusion the New Zealanders need have nothing to fear from its introduction, and he declares without hesitation for the granting of a referendum so that the people as a whole may decide at the ballot box. Mr Thompson told his constituents in his pre-sessional address that he would have been quite content to see the Bible, or parts of it introduced into the schools as a daily part of the curriculum to be used by the teacher. "The morale of our schools is very high," he went on to say, "and no suspicion of sectarianism exists. I am an old Bible class leader myself, and want to see the book on which our whole system of morals is based in the hands of our children. But I don't like the right of entry. Clergymen, as a rule, are not good teachers, and they are frequently blind to the merits of any but their own particular "doxy." But in spite of these objections, I find by first-hand conversation and information derived from Queensland and New South Wales that the scheme works well there, therefore I intend to support the Referendum."

"The family is the unit of the Nation," when it prospers the commonwealth flourishes. But if we substitute houses for homes, national degeneration follows as a natural consequence.

A Church Fund.

One of the needs of the Diocese is a strong Church fund to enable further Home Mission work to be undertaken, and to help districts in need of financial help. In many of the Dioceses in the Home Land such funds are in existence. At a meeting in aid of the South London Church Fund, the following speech (reported in the "Church Times") was made by the Bishop of Chelmsford, who stated that the conditions of his Diocese were similar in many respects to those of South London:—

The Working Classes and Infidelity.

They were all part of this vast city, London, which presented such great problems to the Church every year. He was thankful to feel able to say that London was not an infidel city. The working classes of this country were not infidel. Evidences of that were the very few funerals that took place without a religious ceremony, the very small proportion of children withdrawn from religious instruction in the day schools, and the millions of children sent to the Sunday Schools throughout the country.

On the other hand, it was quite evident that our working people were not a church-going people, nor was London a Sabbath-observing city. He thought the fact that the average number of Sunday passengers on trams and busses amounted to 4½ millions sufficiently proved that. But there were signs that the working classes were interested in Christian subjects, and a good open-air speaker on religious matters was sure of an audience.

He thought the Church's work of influencing the masses should be divided into two parts—inside the buildings called Churches the work of preparation should be done; outside those buildings the real fighting effort would have to be made. Both sides of the work required the best conditions. The South London Church Fund existed to make that possible in its area.

A Mission to Architects and Vergers

"The Churches," he continued, ought to be well ventilated, without draughts, just warm enough, and never too hot. (Applause.) I think sometimes we ought to have a mission to architects and vergers

for to both combined I believe we are often indebted for the bad effects of our sermons. (Laughter and applause.) Then the services should be rendered as beautifully as befits the worship of God; and the clergy in charge of the parish should be sufficient in number to cope with the work, so that none should go into Church to minister to others oppressed, tired and harassed with overwork. The Church is the place from which to get our ammunition, so to speak. We must have Churches; we must build more; but that is not our main object. The Apostles did not spend so much time on their Churches as on going outside to convert the world. The main object of this fund ought to be to enable this 'going out' to be done, and done well. In a parish of 10,000 souls, if you get a congregation of 800 in Church, you say 'We had a good congregation at the service.' Is it not time we began to concentrate upon the 9,200 outside? I commend to you some words once spoken by Hugh Price Hughes, who said: 'The main work of the minister is not so much to coddle the saints as to save the sinners.' If we carry that out we shall find the saints becoming more robust as they find themselves surrounded by hearts the Lord has touched and lives the Lord has changed.

Open-air Speakers.

"The Church must be aggressive, and its open-air work must be of the best. If you have got two speakers, one good and one bad, send the bad one to speak inside the Church where the people are praying for patience, and let them have an opportunity of exercising it. (Laughter.) Use the good speaker outside. Don't let young men use the open-air platform as a training ground. Some of the things I have heard speakers say in the open-air have made me feel that if I were a sceptical or indifferent layman who heard them I should say, 'Well, if this is a sample of how you talk in your Churches I'm glad I don't go near them.'"

The Income of London Church-people

Proceeding the Bishop said that another aspect of their work which he put in the forefront was house-to-house visitation. It was supremely important to get at the people in their homes. Very often it meant room-to-room visitation in the overcrowded conditions of

many parishes. Still it must be done, and the people who did it, especially the devoted women workers, ought to have the help of their constant prayers. But the workers were all too few. What could one clergyman do in a parish of 10,000 people? They must have more money if the work was to be done. It had been credibly estimated that the income of London Church-people amounted to one hundred millions sterling a year. If that was the case could it be said that a proper financial response was being made to the claims of Church work? How could they, he asked, hope to win South London on (£16,000 a year) He was astonished at the meagre income of the Fund. He reminded them of the story of the Scotsmen on a visit to London who attended the service of the English Church, and arriving in good time, looked through the Prayer Book, with which they were totally unacquainted. Suddenly one of them turned to his companion, and indicating the section containing the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels, exclaimed: "Aye, mon, did ye ever see the like—Collect, collect, collect! We shall never have a bawbee left." (Laughter.) "Well," continued the Bishop, "that is the sort of religion I like, with a collection between every two prayers, and you will notice that after the offertory in the Holy Communion service we have the prayer for the Church Militant. Why is it that that prayer is not answered? Is it because God sees that we do not do our part to bring about what we are praying for?"

After S. Peter's first sermon 3,000 men in the street were converted, but we never found that happening now. Why? Because we were not filled with the Spirit as S. Peter and his companions were. When we were filled with the Spirit as they were there would be no need to appeal for money, it would be poured in, and both his Diocese and South London would be won for the Lord. (Applause.)

The Bishop expressed the thanks of the meeting to the speakers, and then closed the proceedings with the Blessing.

Theosophy is a subtle form of denial that Christ is the Saviour of the world. There is no middle course. Christ is all or nothing.—Dr. Horton.

Waiapu Church Gazette.

AUGUST, 1914.

Editorial.

As the pages of this paper pass through the press, the question will in all probability be decided whether some of the great nations of the world will enter upon what, if engaged in, bids fair to be among the greatest wars in the world's history. We do not doubt that the hope and prayer of our readers have been that such may be averted.

One hundred years ago Europe was deluged in blood through the ambition of Napoleon the first. Now it is the action of Austria which bids fair to bring upon millions of people the awful miseries which war entails. It is clear that our own Nation is likely to be drawn into the struggle, the effects of which would rapidly be felt in every portion of our world-wide empire. The daily prayer of the Church, "Give peace in our time, O Lord," will have special force and meaning at this crisis in the world's history.

Deaconess Esther Brand.

We hope this month to have the pleasure of welcoming in Napier Deaconess Brand, who has been invited to take the oversight of work in connection with a Rescue Home and generally to help in training women workers for the Church in this Diocese. Deaconess Brand has occupied an important post in the Old Country, as head of the Deaconess Home in the Diocese of Ely, and comes to the Diocese of Waiapu with the highest commendations.

C.E.M.S.

The Acting Organising Secretary of the Church of England Men's Society, the Rev. J. Delacourt Russel, is paying a visit to its Branches in the Diocese. A new Branch is in course of formation at Tauranga. The Brethren in the different Branches have afforded Mr Russell a most hearty welcome. His addresses and advice have been welcome and helpful.

Synod.

It has been arranged for Synod to meet at Napier on September

24th. The day before Synod will be observed as a "Quiet Day" for the Clergy. The official notice of the Synod's meeting and details in connection with it will, we understand, be shortly issued.

Special Services.

With regard to the Book of Special Services recently compiled by the Bishops at the request of General Synod, the Bishop of Christchurch writes:—

"As I find that many copies of the "Forms of Service," printed separately, will be required, I have obtained from Marriner Bros. a quotation at per five thousand copies of each Form. They have agreed to print and supply any number of copies, great or small, at the following rates. You will observe that they compare very favourably with English prices.

Five thousand copies of:

Nos. i, ii, iv, vi, vii, xii, xiii, at £8 10s od, supplied at 3/5 a hundred.

No. iii, at £8 17s 6d, supplied at 3/7 a hundred.

Nos. ix, xi, at £11 5s od, supplied at 4/6 a hundred.

Nos. v, viii, x, xiv, xvi, at £5 2s 6d, supplied at 2/1 a hundred.

No. xv, at £2 0s od, supplied at 10d. a hundred.

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Diocesan Notes

The Ven. Archdeacon Tisdall has resigned the district of Rotorua, and has entered upon the charge of Ellerslie in the Diocese of Auckland.

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Miss Griffin, who for many years has been in charge of the Mission at Whakarewarewa, as honorary Superintendent, has resigned the oversight of the same, and her place has been taken by Miss Hare.

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A meeting of the Standing Committee was held on July 9th.

The Bishop reported that he had received a letter from the Bishop of Christchurch in reference to the special Forms of Service for the

Province of New Zealand compiled by the Bishops at the request of the General Synod. The Diocesan Secretary has forwarded a copy of the book to the European Clergy and some of the Native Clergy.

A letter was received from the Rev. J. W. Robinson in reference to loan towards building a Church Hall.—To be informed that application can be made under the Loan Canon.

Letter was received from Fraser-town in reference to purchase of land for Vicarage.—To be informed that application for loan under the Canon will receive due consideration after local financial arrangements have been made.

The Bishop stated that he had appointed Archdeacon Williams, Archdeacon Ruddock, Rev. A. F. Williams and Messrs A. F. Williams and Sheath as Advisory Committee re the Waiapu Maori Mission.

Re Social Work.—Resolved "That Sections 18, 19, 21, 22, with buildings thereon be used for Social Work, and that Canon Mayne, Dr. Henley and Mr F. W. Williams be a sub-committee to act with the Ladies' Committee, to examine the buildings and see what repairs are required."

The report of the Sub-Committee re Waiapu Maori Mission was read, considered and adopted.

The report is as follows:—

"Members: The Right Rev. the Bishop, Archdeacon Williams and Archdeacon Ruddock, Messrs F. W. Williams and J. B. Fielder. The Rev. A. F. Williams was in attendance at the request of the Bishop.

"Your Committee reports that it has reviewed the finances of the Waiapu Maori Mission and is of opinion that the time is ripe for a re-organisation of its administration; that larger contributions should be made by the natives themselves for the maintenance of established work and extension in Missionary Districts.

"The Committee therefore makes the following recommendations:—

1. That the Bishop be respectfully requested to nominate a Committee to advise on the management and finance of the Maori work in the Diocese and to report from time to time to the Standing Committee.

2. That after the conclusion of the present financial year the Native Clergy be paid their stipends monthly.
3. That in future the premiums to the Clerical Pension Board be deducted from the salaries of the Native Clergy, and that they be notified forthwith of this proposal.
4. That the premium for the Sick and Accident Insurance for each Clergyman engaged in Maori Work be charged to the fund from which his salary is paid.
5. That the whole of the expenses of Maori Work in Hawke's Bay should be defrayed by the Maoris themselves from endowments and direct contributions.
6. That the stipends of the Maori Clergy in the Districts of Tauranga, Whangara, Takomaru, Hikurangi, Waiapu, Kawakawa and Te Kaha should be similarly defrayed by the Maoris.
7. That the Superintendents impress upon the Maoris the necessity for insuring all Church buildings.
8. That the Bishop be requested to appoint collectors in the different Archdeaconries with a view to extinguishing the present debit balance.
9. That the Maoris in the respective Archdeaconries be assessed towards the expenses of the Special Session of Synod as follows:—Tauranga £3, Waiapu £25, and Hawke's Bay £7."

Re Stipend Diocesan Missioner.—Report adopted.

Re new parochial districts.—Resolved "That the Parochial Districts as set out in the report of the Boundaries Commission as published in the Diocesan Synod report of 1912 be constituted and names be amended where necessary at next meeting of this Committee."

The following regulations under the Loan Canon were adopted and directed to be forwarded to the Diocesan Trustees:—

1. That all applications for Loans under Diocesan Canon XII. shall be accompanied by the copy of resolution that the amount to be borrowed had been authorised

and passed at a duly constituted meeting of the parishioners, set out in the form supplied with the application.

2. That when the money is required payment shall be made on the Vicar's certificate that the required conditions have been fulfilled.
3. That if the authorised form of guarantee is not sent to the Secretary of the Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees (incorporated) and the loan taken up within two months from the date stated in Clause 10 of the application, the loan shall lapse.

Re property in Church Lane.—Report of Committee adopted and Trustees appointed, viz., Dr. Henley, Mr F. Logan and Archdeacon Ruddock, with authority to issue Debentures and make all necessary legal arrangements.

The Assessment of Parishes and Districts for expenses of Special Session of Synod was confirmed.

A loan of £100 was granted for Church building at Te Ruhunga on land being vested in Diocesan Trustees.

The tender of Messrs Ball & Co. for printing the Diocesan "Gazette," 1914-15 was accepted.

Accounts were passed and payments authorised to be made in connection with the Military Camps Institutes.

The Rev. Pastor Ries, of Dannevirke, who for twenty years has been President of the Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Emmanuel Church, has accepted office as Vice-President of the Bible in State Schools' League, the convention of the Church being in full accord with the League's proposals. This action is an indication that the Lutheran Church, which is numerically one of the small Churches, has no fear that if the League's system is adopted by the people of New Zealand, that Church will suffer by comparison with the numerically larger Churches. Apparently it values the opportunity of obtaining the right of visiting and instructing the Lutheran children who attend the State Schools.

Maori Mission Notes.

The two Maori Churches, one at Rotorua and the other at Ruatoki, which were formally opened by his Lordship the Bishop during his first visit to the Tauranga Archdeaconry during the month of April, have now been completed, and each is a credit to the congregations concerned.

The Church at Ohinemutu is already attracting a great deal of attention, and the beautiful specimens of the highest works of art of the Maori people as seen in their carvings and their "tui" (flax and reed work) give constant opportunity for the passing of laudatory remarks to visitors to the Church. The harmonious blending together of the Maori and Pakeha designs in the building is one of the features of this building. It was a bold scheme but the effect is very satisfactory. The colour scheme throughout has been based upon the three primary Maori colours, red, black and white. The "marae" or court-yard of the building has now been concreted, and a concrete wall around the Church is almost completed.

Since the opening we have had a further gift of a piece of land which is worth from £100 to £150. This is a small piece to the west side of the Church and has now been included in the concrete wall. We hope to have an Arbour-Day at the beginning of August and to plant native shrubs around the Church.

While the Church itself is paid for, the furnishings were not included in the tender accepted. The carpenter's contract came to £1421 7s 5d. We have paid the whole of it except £70, which is not due until August.

But the cost of moving and repairing the old Church, the concrete work, allowances made to the Maoris for the carving, etc., and the cost of "Hui Topu" meeting and opening ceremonies has landed us about £400 on the wrong side of the ledger. But we are all working hard and hope to clear ourselves of all liability by the end of the year. Meanwhile we have made arrangements for borrowing the money.

2.—Self-Support.

At a meeting held in the new Church it was decided to comply with a request received from the Diocesan authorities and to make our Rotorua district self-supporting as far as the salary of the Maori curate was concerned. As £60 per annum is received from the Te Ngae Mission property it simply means that we have to raise £40 per annum to bring the curate's stipend to £100. It was felt by all at the meeting that this was the very least that we could do. As soon as our Church Building Fund is closed we hope to work up an additional endowment. At the opening of the Church a native from Orakei offered us an acre of land there which is worth probably £500. The land has not yet been partitioned but the application to the Native Land Court has been made, and so far we are sanguine that the transaction will pass through all right. Mr Urquart, a local lawyer, has kindly offered his services free in fixing up the transaction for us. He has already made the necessary searches and procured the plans.

3.—Whakarewarewa.

We have just begun a new chapter in connection with the work at Whakarewarewa. Miss Griffin, who has worked here for over ten years, resigned, and has left for Auckland where she will do English work under the Bishop of Auckland.

Miss Hare, who has been working at the Mission School at Putiki, Wanganui, has now taken up Miss Griffin's work. Miss Young is associated with her. Miss Hare has already made her way to the hearts of the Maoris at Whakarewarewa by her sympathy, earnestness and tact. Whaka is the hardest place in the Diocese. Will Church people remember the workers there in their prayers occasionally.

4.—Ruatoki.

The "Kahui iti" (little flock) of Ruatoki asked me to pay them a special visit as soon as their Church was completed. I made the visit on July 11th. We had a splendid time. Although there was a big Hui of the Ringatus and other forms of Hauhausim being held at a place not very far away from us (July 12th is their great festival) we had our little Church

packed at both services. The Church has seating accommodation for seventy-five people. We must have had over one hundred natives packed in. The Church cost about £500. It is all paid for. Most of you will remember that the Christian natives camped in the bush for three months and cut out over 400 tons of firewood. This they carted to Opouriao and sold to the factory. They received a cheque for £200. The building is roofed with asbestos slates and eternit covers the walls. The Chancel is carved and ornamented with flax and reed work. It is one of the prettiest little buildings in the Diocese.

The most interesting and encouraging feature of our gathering was the baptism of Kereru's wife. Kereru and his wife are the two leading people of the whole district. The baptism of this woman of such rank before all her tribe means a great deal for the work at Ruatoki. Thank God for this great encouragement to His servants labouring there.

F. A. BENNETT.

Parochial News.

N.B.—To ensure insertion in the next month's issue of the "Gazette," matter must be received by "The Editor, 'Waiapu Church Gazette,' Napier," not later than the 18th of the month. Notes should be brief, and to the point, and legibly written on one side of the paper.

S. Augustine's, Napier.

Vicar: Rev. Canon Tuke.

The annual meeting of parishioners was held on Wednesday, the 22nd of July. Some fifty parishioners attended and listened to the Vicar's report which was fully reported by the "Herald" and the "Tribune," as well as being put into the Church seats the previous Sunday. The following were elected to serve on the Vestry:—Messrs R. Thorp and S. E. Wright (Wardens), H. White, H. Hare, G. Griffin, W. Lydford, T. Faulknor, F. Stock, S. Erskine, J. Hill, and E. J. Jenkins. The Bishop after having walked with the Vicar through the length of Napier South during the afternoon put before the meeting the advisability of procuring some small section on which to erect a building for Sunday School purposes on the eastern side of this fast growing locality. He inspected the Church section now leased to the

Tennis Club and saw what a valuable piece of land it was. The whole suburb astonished his Lordship who, before his visit had no idea of its wonderful and rapid growth. It was decided to go into the whole matter of means and ways at the next Vestry meeting, to request the co-operation of the C.E.M.S., and put the result of their deliberations before a parishioners' meeting in the near future. The Vicar expressed his deep thankfulness to all Church workers, and the hope that all would be faithful in their service for God and His Church this current year.

At nine o'clock a much appreciated cup of coffee, prepared by Mrs Waterworth, assisted by other women workers, was handed to those present who much enjoyed this thoughtfulness on a cold night. Among the many votes of thanks at the parish meeting was that given to Miss H. Robinson for taking the choir boys each week. Her efforts had been of much value to the boys who can now sing the Church service creditably.

The C.E.M.S. had a good night in impromptu speeches at its last meeting. The annual conference was attended by several of our members on a bitterly cold evening. The Bishop spoke most earnestly on various matters affecting the C.E.M.S., and looked for an increased interest in all the branches. The General Secretary the Rev. J. D. Russell, will address the members of the three town branches this week. We hope to chronicle a decidedly helpful meeting. The council of the C.E.M.S. is also to meet this week in S. Augustine's Schoolroom.

The Bishop has kindly consented to give a talk on "Life in the Navy and South African Experiences" on the 19th or possibly the 20th. We ask all parishioners to note this and attend in crowds.

The next Bulb and Spring Flower Show will be held on the 9th and 10th of September. Parishioners are urged to attend and help it in every way. Children's classes will also be arranged for, and parents will, we hope, encourage their entries.

The Confirmation Classes will start (D.V.) at the end of this month. The Vicar particularly requests parents to encourage their boys and girls to present themselves. Classes for adults will be formed if any will offer.

The Mothers' Union had a good meeting last month and will have another this week.

The G.F.S. has had a good attendance at its meetings and several new members have attended. The hostel is the aim and object the Society is pressing. From the splendid wind-fall of £300 and the receipts of the Jumble Sale promoted by the Presi-

dent, Miss E. Williams, and held in S. John's Schoolroom this week, there is good encouragement to press on till it is an accomplished fact.

The Committee of the Women's Social Work will meet this week to report on their efforts in getting annual subscribers. Every parish is apparently anxious to help this good work of rescue and training others for social work, etc.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little Children to come unto Me, and forbid them not."

Olive Grace Brownette.
Jessie Kathleen Wilkes.
Alvis Mary Rosetta Bartle.
Murray Lionel Williams.

MARRIAGES.

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life."

John Orlando Scott to Edith Goldsmith.
Edward John Beresford to Florence Blanche Rousham.
William Thomas Walls to Sarah Jones.

BURIALS.

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

Annie Goodall, 64 years.
Maude Jefftoah, 38 years.
Gertrude Rodgers, 28 years.
John William Goldfinch, 24 years.

S. Matthew's, Hastings.

Vicar: Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst.

Last month you all said good bye to Mr Robertshawe. He, I am sure, was more than delighted not only with the gifts, but also with the spirit of the farewell. When I met him in Wellington, the first thing he began to speak about was your kindness and your generosity—in fact I thought he was never going to stop talking about it, and had to suggest "we now get to business." I do not know who was responsible for suggesting the various gifts, but I am sure no better selection could have been made. For the benefit of those who were not there, I will just mention them. From the Parish—a gold English lever watch, with a purse of sovereigns; from the G.F.S.—a solid leather suit case; Mothers' Union—travelling rug with strap; Sunday School—kit bag for robes; Bible Class—a shaving outfit. Added to these he received a present from the children of Trinton School, so that he seems to have gone away laden with good things. Amid the many things he received I notice one omission—slippers. It is usually thought that curates have their cupboards full of worked slippers. We wont mention who they are supposed to be worked by, but the fact remains

he left without a single pair. What a pity some one did not think of it. Mr Robertshawe's last words to me are words you will all like to hear, for they were full of expression, "I shall never forget my first parish." I hope we shall never forget him.

I regret to say that at present I have no one coming to take his place which means that a certain proportion of the work, mainly visiting, will only be half done. The Schools, organisations, weekly services, must be kept going, whilst the sick and needy must have first claims on my visits. Will you bear this in mind, and not say, "I haven't seen the Vicar for three years." If you want him—well you can always find him.

I am glad to say how much I enjoyed my holiday, and more than all, to acknowledge the good it did me. I have come back feeling refreshed, and fit for anything. My best thanks are due to the Vestry for granting me an extra month's holiday.

Confirmation—The Bishop has arranged to hold a Confirmation in Hastings on November 23rd. All intending to be confirmed should hand in their names as soon as possible.

Tolaga Bay.

Rev. T. Meyer.

With a view to assist the Women's Social Work in the Diocese, a meeting of ladies was held in the Vestry of S. Andrew's Church, on June 17th. The result is that a strong and representative committee has been set up of which the following are members:—Mesdames Maurice Fitzgerald, F. Williams, H. Weeks, W. El. Holder, W. Farrell, O. E. Bartram, P. W. Holmes, Misses J. Caldwell and Reid. Mrs F. Williams, of Waipare, was elected Secretary and Treasurer, and has kindly accepted the office. Mrs F. H. Williams, of Napier, was elected to represent the Tolaga District on the Central Committee in Napier. Several donations have been received and annual subscriptions promised. It was agreed to meet again on July 15th.

The first and very handsome memorial tablet was put up in the Church lately and unveiled by Mr John Morris on the fifth Sunday after Trinity at the morning service. It was a lovely day and a large congregation bore witness to the respect and affectionate regard which the departed gained during a short life amongst the people of Tolaga Bay. The tablet bears the following inscription:—"This tablet is erected by the parishioners of S. Andrew's Church in loving memory of Ralph Reynolds, who entered into rest December 26th, 1913, Aged 32 years. Rest in peace."

Weber.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Whibley.

The Bishop met his people at a social gathering in the Waitahora School. The Bishop spoke on the Women's Social Work about to be inaugurated in the Diocese, for which a Deaconess, trained in rescue work and other works of mercy and love, was arriving from England next month. She would commence the Home in Napier, but the arms of mercy would be extended to all the Diocese.

An address of welcome to his Lordship was presented by Mr Ashton Barker on behalf of the Church, to which he replied feelingly. The ladies had provided afternoon tea and quite a number of gentlemen were waited on by the gracious hostesses. There would have been many more present had it not been the annual meeting day of the A. and Z. Society.

Sunday was again fine. Mr Tinkner led the way to the cemetery and presented a petition to the Bishop to consecrate a portion of it for the burial ground of the Church. Following him was the Vicar, then the Bishop, then the congregation, and in that order all walked the bounds of the portion to be set apart. The service was a very solemn one. "We rest in hope." The service of Holy Communion, which succeeded this, in the School, was particularly solemn and inspiring, and all joined in most heartily.

The Bishop was the guest of Mr and Mrs Blyth.

Mr Cunningham drove him to Weber in time for three o'clock service in All Saints' Church, where a large congregation was waiting and which re-assembled for Evensong at seven. The addresses will long be remembered—so simple and yet so forcible, showing that the purpose of God was to win men by love.

On Monday we were again favoured with a fine day. The annual meeting was held at the Vicarage. The accounts showed that £242 had passed through the Churchwardens' hands during the year, and there was a balance of £6 in hand, and all liabilities paid. The Bishop was pleased to congratulate the Weber people on their position, for although living in a scattered district their Church and all else was paid for. The ladies of Weber had also provided a plentitude of good things, and all had a pleasant chat after the business of the annual meeting was over.

The Bishop became the guest of Mr and Mrs L. G. Crosse, at Weber.

An address of welcome was presented during the afternoon.

Dannevirke-cum-Matamau and Bush Districts.

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

Curate: Rev. C. E. Nicholas.

The usual monthly meeting was held in S. John's Church on the 15th of July. There was a large attendance and the following were admitted as members of the Union:—Mesdames Edith Pearson, C. E. Poolman, Olive Mollgaard, E. Brown, M. Christiansen. The service was held by the Rev. A. Robertshawe, after which an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, Mrs Guesen presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and correspondence was received from Miss Braithwait giving an account of the council meeting in Napier. Received. Songs were rendered by Mesdames Dans and Poolman, and an interesting reading by Mrs Salt was followed by afternoon tea which was dispensed by Mesdames James Gillmour and H. Knight. Arrangements were made for the next meeting on the 19th of August.

M. A. GLASS,

Hon. Secretary M.U.

Dannevirke Bush District.

In the last month the visit of our Bishop to the parish has been the event. The Bishop came up on Saturday, July 11th, and stayed at the Vicarage, meeting in the afternoon a number of the men of the parish. On Sunday morning—raw and cold as it can be in this district—he took the eight o'clock celebration, assisted by the Vicar and the Curate, and preached at both Mattins and Evensong. In the afternoon Mr Leonard Rathbone very kindly motored his Lordship to Matamau, where the Church of S. Michael and All Angels was consecrated, being now free from debt and completely finished. It is a great thing to have done so much as this, and it marks another step forward in the history of the Church in this part. On Monday, Mr Hartgill put a car at the disposal of the Clergy, and the Bishop visited the site of the proposed Te Rehunua Church, arriving for lunch at the residence of Mr F. G. Cowper. Mrs Hartgill most kindly entertained the Bishop and Vicar at afternoon tea, and Mr F. G. Knight, Vicar's warden, at dinner. In the evening in spite of wet weather, our Rev. Father-in-God was met socially in the Sunday School when addresses from the Vestry, Superintendent, and Sunday School teachers. C.E.M.S., Mothers' Union, and Girls' Friendly Society were presented, and suitably acknowledged. A short programme of vocal and instrumental music was gone through, and the Bishop was introduced to the members of the

flock over which God has made him overseer. Everything went off delightfully and all were deeply impressed with our Bishop's personality. The Bishop also promised to give us another visit on November 15th for the purpose of Confirmation.

We are sorry to say that the Rev. Mr Nicholas has not been well. He has, however, gone north for a short rest, the Rev. Mr Whibley, Vicar of Weber, having kindly consented to take his place for a week or two.

The cold winds of winter have been playing havoc with our choir. We are very much in need of more men's voices, especially tenors.

Our Vicar's youngest son, the Rev. Noel Robertshawe, M.A., preached in Dannevirke his farewell sermons before leaving for England, where he expects to arrive about August 15th. He is going to work under Canon Tupper-Carey, of York. The Vicar wishes to thank all who so kindly helped to make our Bishop's visit a success.

Ormondville.

Vicar: Rev. T. Fisher

The annual Church meeting for the year 1913-14 was held on Friday evening with a fair attendance.

After prayer and the due formalities, the Vicar read his report. Beginning with an expression of gratitude to God for the year's blessings, it made reference to the kindness and charity prevailing among the members generally.

Appreciative recognition was given to the services rendered to the congregation by the lay readers, Messrs W. Robinson and T. Fothergill.

The changes which had been made in developing the list of services were found to be justified by increased congregations.

The Parish Church has been supplied with many necessary articles during the year, and several, in preparation, will, it is hoped, be added during this year, so that the shapely sanctuary should be still better furnished.

Good reports were given concerning the progress of the two Melanesian Catechists supported by the parish, John Patteson Kelesi and Liliu. From the former boy a letter has been received, telling in his own quaint fashion about the life in Norfolk Island, and accompanied by one from the Rev. W. F. Long, M.A., Mission priest in the Solomon Islands, who writes thus: "J. P. Kelesi is one of the very best, and we have great hopes of him. He is now confirmed and is a regular Communicant. He works hard, and although not brilliant, is a real trier, and one day should make a splendid teacher. His district is without

white help; only one of many districts in the same condition. Tell your people that one day, if they pray regularly for him, John will be a good teacher. He shows great promise, and with the prayers of people behind him, will come on more and more."

We are now seeing what we can do to help on the much-needed "Rescue Home," to be opened immediately in Napier for this Diocese. Kopua has set a good example and sent in £3 10s on its own account. Norsewood and Ormondville are seeing about their share.

Several new settlers have come into the district and we give them welcome and are glad of their presence in the public worship of the Church.

It is to be noted how seriously the habit of neglecting the weekly service of praise and thanksgiving has taken hold of us. The service of our Lord's institution, which, based upon the Resurrection, has established the observance of Sunday throughout Christendom, is made of so little account that strikingly few Church members are found at times to take their part in offering it. One would fancy almost that once a month was the intention of the Apostles of our Lord, not as the record in the sacred Scriptures has it: "The first day of the week." If the Christian Church would only make up its mind to a real apostolic use of the Sunday, the great cry of lack of Sunday observance would soon cease. Nevertheless there have not failed "two at the least" throughout the year at the Parish Church; but it is a rebuke to our faith in and love of our Lord that the number is so few as it has been on occasions. Yet the frequent call to baptise, which is to be noticed, is an evidence that faith in the Christian revelation of God, attenuated though it may be, is still alive among us. We need to pray that the Blessed Spirit will increase our faith.

The weekly Scripture teaching now extends to Whetukura, as well as Ormondville and Makotuku, in connection with the Ministers' Association, but half an hour a week is not overtaking the neglect of past years, nor is it giving the coming generation the knowledge of the Scriptures which was our heritage.

The two Sunday Schools still hold their own at Ormondville and Makotuku.

A review of the social functions brought the report to a close.

The financial statement by the Churchwarden, showed the result of a small balance on the right side.

The officers elected for the new year are:—Churchwardens, Messrs Dockarv and T. Fothergill; Vestrymen, Messrs H. M. Sanders, E. Smith, J. Brabazon, W. J. Williams, T. W. Smith, Skerman, P. H. Smith and T. G. Smith.

Tauranga.

Vicar: Rev. Eric D. Rice, M.A.

Previous to the Vicar's marriage last month, he was the recipient of several presentations from different organisations in the parish. Apart from those mentioned last month, the members of the Vestry gave him a travelling rug and tobacco pouch, and the Gate Pa congregation a travelling clock and a silver toilet bottle.

During the Vicar's absence the services in town were taken by Mr Frank Stevens, and in the country by Mr T. R. Philippotts.

The Vicarage is quite finished now and is much admired; it is quite a credit to the parish.

On July 13th, the Rev. J. D. Russell, Organising Secretary of the C.E.M.S., paid us a most welcome visit, and spoke to a meeting of seventeen men at the Vicarage with so much success that it was decided to form a branch of the Society here at once. Mr W. H. Gifford was elected Secretary pro tem.

At the last meeting of the Vestry a number offered to fix spouting to the Church, if the parish would proceed to paint the Church at once. This matter will be considered at the annual meeting which takes place on the 30th.

Havelock-cum-Clive.

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

Curate: Rev. Lionel Mackay, B.A.

A social was held in the Village Hall on July 8th to meet and welcome the Bishop and Mrs Sedgwick. A large number were present, and we were glad to take this opportunity of a fully representative gathering to hold the annual parish meeting at the same time, and to give the Bishop some idea of the working of the parish. The meeting began with a short musical programme and supper which were much appreciated. This was followed by an account of the year's work by the Vicar, and a statement of the way in which money was coming in for the payments due on the building of the Church by Mr Ellison. Mr Tanner then voiced our appreciation of having this opportunity of meeting the Bishop and Mrs Sedgwick and of welcoming them in our midst. The Bishop then replied, making a strong appeal for the service of men in the Church and pointing out some of the larger needs of the Diocese. The election of Vestry then took place, resulting in all last year's members being re-elected, Mr Rush being appointed Vicar's warden and Mr Quartley people's warden as before.

Fortnightly meetings of the C.E.M.S. are now being held, Bible study and papers on different Churches and religions being taken alternately. Most of the members also attended the annual conference at Napier.

Confirmation classes are now in full swing both at Havelock and Clive. The Confirmation will be held at Havelock on Thursday, August 13th, and at Clive about the end of September. It is hoped to arrange a welcome for the Bishop at Clive in the Hall after the Confirmation service. The Bishop will also preach at Clive on the first Sunday in September.

The following is the statement of accounts for S. Mark's Sunday School for the year ending June 30th 1914. We are badly in need of another teacher.

Receipts.

Balance brought forward ...	2	4	4
Collections from S. School	5	12	0
Sale of Bibles & Hymn Books	2	10	0
Donation to prize fund ...		6	6
Concert	4	0	0
Balance from picnic	2	4	6
	£14	10	2

Expenditure.

Subscription to Dr. Barnados'	10	3	
Sub. to Melanesian Mission	10	0	
B. Helen's Mission, London	2	5	6
Bibles, cards, registers, etc.	2	6	6
Prizes	2	5	6
Balance	6	3	11
	£14	10	2

The balance in hand includes £1 9s for Dr Barnado's Mission which is now due.

BAPTISMS.

- Ivan Arnold Van Asch.
- Sylvia Annie Kennerley.
- Gwendolen Sudfeldt.
- Thelma Sudfeldt.
- Agnes Matilda Mary Reynolds.
- Edward Bertram Menzies.
- Charles Frank Flanders.
- Hilda Lartitia Cooper.

MARRIAGES.

Thomas William Robertson to Elsie Mary Packer.

BURIALS.

- Stephana Mary Macfarlane.
- Edward Bissell.

Otane.

Vicar: Rev. G. W. Davidson.

The annual meeting of parishioners was held in the Town Hall and a very representative gathering it was. The balance sheet was approved in general lines, the Vestry to adopt same at their first meeting. Although the liabilities amounting to £850 or more or less seems heavy, still after all there has been raised some £1,200 in twelve months, so that surely another two years should see a parish free of debt ready for other necessary forward work. Since

the closing of the financial year, June 30th, some £200 has been received for the Vicarage Fund mostly from Te Aute friends and their relations. The Vestry are only too thankful for the smaller amounts as well, because all should do their share if it be only a shilling or two.

The Vicar nominated Mr W. T. Williams as his Church officer and Mr Geo. Clark was elected as people's Church officer. The Committee consists of the following:—Messrs Clark, Dillon, Fletcher, Haycock, Hole, Megson, Ludbrook, Langridge and G. Williams. Mr Geo. Coldham Williams was elected Synodman in place of Mr Warren who has gone to England.

A pleasant social evening was spent as a wind-up to the annual business meeting.

The social rescue committee has got to work and the Vicar hopes the parish generally will back up Miss Keith of Te Aute-Pukehou who is our representative on the Central Committee. Each family in the parish ought surely to give a sum of money according to their ability for the Church has been remiss in this department of work. Mrs Davidson and the Vicar will be glad to receive and acknowledge any donation.

Rotorua.

Vicar Elect: Rev. Kenneth McLean.

Curate: Rev. J. S. Greer.

Regret, deep and widespread, was felt in the Rotorua parochial district, both by members of the Anglican communion and by those of other Churches, over the departure of Archdeacon C. A. Tisdall, who, after having held the pastoral charge of the district for over ten years, left on July 17th to take the position of Vicar of Ollerslie. During the few weeks preceding his departure, he and Mrs Tisdall received many practical indications of the esteem in which they were held, in the form of entertainments and presentations. As far back as July 1st, the Rotorua Fire Brigade, of which the Archdeacon was Chaplain for over nine years, presented him, at the annual social of the Brigade, with a gold-mounted walking stick. Later on he wrote resigning his chaplaincy, which was accepted with an expression of deep regret, and he was elected an honorary life member of the Brigade.

On July 8th a large number of ladies attended a farewell tea given in the Ruuanga Tea Kiosk in honour of Mrs Tisdall, and on the evening of that day the Archdeacon, at the annual gathering of the Sunday School scholars of S. Luke's, was presented by the Superintendent, Mr T. C. Hawkins, with a gold-mounted fountain pen as a valedictory gift from the teachers and children. The round of presentations was continued on the next evening when the Arch-

deacon, at the annual social of the Rotorua Bowling Club, received a bowl-case as a mark of the esteem and respect of his fellow-members of the Club. On the following day the local branch of the Mothers' Union in which he took a keen and practical interest, presented him with an illuminated address.

The retiring Vicar preached his farewell sermon to the people of S. Luke's on the evening of Sunday, July 12th. The weather was very wintry, but, nevertheless, there was a good congregation. Taking for his text the words "I therefore beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called" (Ephesians iv. 1.), he said that he had tried, very feebly sometimes, he was afraid, to preach Jesus Christ, and Him crucified, and he exhorted his hearers to walk worthy of their vocation in all the walks of life, to carry their Christianity into their business and into their pleasures, to make their Church a home of brethren, of love, of work and of prayer.

The members of the Mothers' Union met again on the afternoon of Monday, July 13th, at a social meeting for the purpose of bidding farewell to Mrs Tisdall, their President, and Miss Griffin of the Maori Mission, who after able and faithful service as Secretary of the Branch, has been transferred to Auckland. They presented Mrs Tisdall with a silver-mounted inkstand, and Miss Griffin with a leather writing case as valedictory gifts. The latter lady, who has done excellent work in the local branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was presented by its members, during the preceding week, with a gold-mounted fountain pen and an autograph album filled with their signatures.

The valedictory functions culminated in a large gathering in the Parish Hall on the evening of July 14th, when Mr P. J. Hammond, parishioners' Churchwarden, presented Mrs Tisdall with a pair of silver candlesticks, and the Archdeacon with a roll-top desk, the final practical expression of the parishioners' regard. The gathering represented more than the Anglican community, for members of all the religious denominations in Rotorua were present. Speeches of a highly eulogistic character were made by the Rev. D. Hird (S. John's Presbyterian Church), the Rev. H. T. Peat (Bainbridge Memorial Methodist Church), Captain Hawkins (Salvation Army), Mr W. Hill, resident officer, who spoke on behalf of the townspeople in general. The Rev. J. L. Greer, Curate of the District, who is shortly to rejoin his Vicar at Eilerslie, added his testimony to the sterling worth of the latter, and the Rev. F. A. Bennett, on behalf of the Maori congregation of S. Faith's, presented the Archdeacon with a walking stick carved by an old-time native artist now departed. An illuminated ad-

dress from the congregation of S. Peter's, Mamaku, was also presented. The Very Rev. Dean Lighthart, of S. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, who was away from Rotorua, sent an apology for his absence. Captain George Pricor, District Commander of the Rotorua Boy Scouts, and Scoutmaster T. C. Hawkins, attended to show the Scouts' appreciation of one who has done much for their organisation, and who held the rank of Chaplain in the local troops. Archdeacon Tisdall was deeply affected by these general manifestations of esteem, and acknowledged them, on his wife's behalf and on his own, in a speech of touching impressiveness.

The Archdeacon presided at the annual meeting of the parishioners of S. Luke's, held on the following evening. A report and balance sheet of a generally satisfactory character were presented. Mr John Halkett, who has nine years' service on the Vestry to his credit, was appointed Vicar's Churchwarden. Mr J. Wrathall was elected parishioners Churchwarden, and Messrs P. B. Giles, A. Stevens, C. S. Algie, H. E. Gilbert, W. T. Pakes, H. H. Davis, and O. W. Exall were chosen as Vestrymen. The meeting passed a motion expressing high appreciation of the retiring Vicar's services, and a hope that God may prosper his efforts in his new sphere of labour. A resolution expressing appreciation of the action of the Government in introducing the Bible in Schools Referendum Bill, and urging the member for the district to support it, was also carried.

On the morning of his departure, Archdeacon Tisdall held an Early Celebration of the Holy Communion in S. Luke's Church. About forty-five persons communicated. A large gathering of members of the Church and others assembled at the railway station to bid farewell to him and Mrs Tisdall.

Frasertown.

Vicar: Rev. G. Kear.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has paid us his first episcopal visit, and right glad were we to welcome him. The two things that we were sorry about were that the visit was all too short, and that this short time had to be spent in long distances of travel through original arrangements being upset. On Sunday evening, second after Trinity, the Bishop preached at Christ Church, Frasertown, to a large congregation, the Church being packed. His message was listened to with rapt attention. Monday morning found us mounted on horseback on the road to Tiniroto, a distance of twenty-six miles, our most northerly boundary. Here his Lordship preached at Evensong to a good assembly of parishioners, and was afterwards welcomed at a

social gathering in the Schoolroom. Returning on Tuesday morning, the Maoris at Te Reinga had the pleasure of a short service and an address from the Bishop. After the service, a very interesting little ceremony took place. A veteran Maori warrior, Reihama Kanheke by name, who had fought under Captain Pierce for the Pakeha in the Maori War, but had not received his recognition service medal, was introduced by Mr Wright, schoolmaster at Te Reinga, to the Bishop, who proceeded to pin the treasure, just come to hand at that moment, upon the elated warrior's swelling bosom, and his joy was bubbling over, and good to behold, as the Bishop kindly produced his own medals and compared designs with that of the proud veteran. Tears stood in the old man's eyes, whether because of old reminiscences called up by the connection of medal and long years gone by, or because of his Lordship's kind words, or because of his unbounded delight over his new possession, it was difficult to decipher. Probably some of each. We now further deviated from the main road by a visit to the Ruakituri station where several parishioners met and welcomed the Bishop. It was evening before we got back to Frasertown. That Tuesday a social had been arranged for eight o'clock in the Hall. Mr Davey, on behalf of the Vestry, Mr Stacey of the parishioners, Mr Corkill as Mayor of Wairoa, and the Rev. G. E. Kear as Vicar, welcomed the Bishop to the district, and the Bishop replied with appreciative remarks and advice. The speeches were interspersed with excellent musical items, the particulars of which are omitted only for want of space.

There was a good attendance of communicants at the Holy Eucharist at 7.30 on Wednesday morning. At 9.30 a.m. the Bishop met the Vicar and Vestry, talked over parochial matters, and was afterwards motored out to Burnside by A. E. Bennett, Esq. Rain prevented a visit to Springhill. After lunch the above gentleman came to our aid again and motored his Lordship to the Wairoa parish. Thus ended his first visit to Frasertown. We must express our regrets at the continual rush while here—at the same rate it would not take long to wear any Bishop out. We have profited very much by his presence. To Mr Beckett for his kindness in placing his car at the Bishop's disposal, and to Mr Davey for the loan of his horse to carry the Bishop to Tiniroto, our best thanks are due, nor must I conclude without expressing our deepest gratitude to Mrs Goldstone for hospiting his Lordship during his stay in Frasertown.

MARRIAGE.

June 3rd, Garnham—Andrews.