

Waiapu Church Gazette.

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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.

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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.

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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.