

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.