

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 Ellerslie, 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.