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To help reduce the parish debt a great gymkhana is being arranged for next February, and already promises of all kinds are coming in to help. Mr Setton is appointed Organising Secretary.

A sowers band has been started at Otane, with Mrs Wishaw as Secretary, and the Vicar hopes to have a real live band here. The band is going to keep the Church tidy and the grounds also in order, as well as to help in Foreign Missions. Elsthorpe also is to start a sowers' band, and between the bands the Vicar hopes to guarantee a "scholars' keep" at Melanesia in response to Melanesia's special appeal through the Rev. A. C. Neild.

A gift afternoon and evening was held at the Vicarage in aid of the work of Deaconess Brand in Napier, and resulted in a fine lot of crockery, kitchen utensils and other necessities. Mrs Davidson was well pleased at the response of all. Socially the function was quite a success.

Members of the congregation have given expression to their appreciation of the children's singing lately, the Monday afternoon Bible and singing class having joined the choir. Their young voices ring out brightly and on the whole tunelessly. Carols for Christmas are now being practised.

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Miss Enma Williams has started a working party to work making clothes for Belgian women and children, and much help has been given by residents generally.

The sowers' band here has postponed its annual sale until after Christmas and also the annual gathering of Gleaners has been postponed until March instead of November as in former years. Mr Allen Williams has presented the Church with an Altar Cross which the Vicar has gratefully accepted on behalf of the committee and congregation. It will fill a real want in our well-appointed Church. The cross will, we hope, be placed on Christmas Day.

The weekly war Intercession has been changed from Wednesday to Friday and the hour altered to 3 p.m., the Rev. J. A. McNickle for the most part relieving the Vicar of this duty and allowing the use of the College Chapel. The Vicar is glad to hear that the change of hour and day accounts for larger attendance.

ELSTHORPE.

Things here are normal. Confirmation Classes have not yet been revived but are not forgotten. A resident, Mr Pearson, has most generously presented the Vicar with a buggy horse so that now the Vicar can get

about at a great rate with his buggy and pair. This means, of course, extra expense, but extra work at less cost of energy. Mr Pearson has also offered to keep a supply of chaff for the Vicar's use at Elsthorpe.

Mrs Gilmour has now taken over the duties of organist which is a relief. The gift afternoon for Deaconess Brand and her Rescue Home, etc., is being arranged.

There enters into her rest Mrs White, widow of the late Mr William White, of Otane. For some years Mrs White has been an invalid, and has been lovingly attended to by her two daughters and other children. Her end is peace, perfect peace, and we can only thank God for her life and hope and pray to meet her in renewed strength in Paradise above.

Tauranga.

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

Lay Readers: Messrs. C. H. Butcher, P. R. Philpotts and F. A. Stevens.

During the Vicar's absence at Synod the services were taken by the Rev. Chas. Tobin, who has been attached as Chaplain to the Reserve Forces now in training at Trentham.

The Bishop was here for All Saints' Day, when he preached at the Choral Celebration to a large congregation, and in the evening the Church was simply packed, when he confirmed twenty-one candidates and gave a most impressive address.

On November 2nd his Lordship preached at Oropi, and met the parishioners. For the next three days he visited the Maoris with the Superintendent, the Rev. F. Bennett and the Rev. Ropere. He, however, managed a flying visit to Gate Pa, where a gift afternoon for the sale of work was being held in the grounds of Mr H. Southey; he also had afternoon tea with the Bethlehem parishioners, a function chiefly organised by Miss Baker.

The annual sale of work of the Ladies' Guild was held on November 12th in the Parish Hall and grounds in beautiful weather. It was very well patronised, and the Guild is able to hand over £50 to the Vestry toward the payment of the debt on the Vicarage. The Gate Pa ladies had a stall, part of the proceeds from which will go towards painting S. George's Church.

The Junior Work Guild has presented to the Church a brass alms dish and a pair of beautiful alms bags; they were dedicated at the early Celebration on the 23rd Sunday after Trinity. The offertories on that Sunday went to the Belgian Relief Fund and amounted to £13/13/6.

Classes of instruction on the Holy

Communion have been proceeding for some weeks, and the lately confirmed will make their first Communion on Advent Sunday.

The Bishop has offered to hold a Mission after Easter, and preparation for it has begun. Prayers have been issued to all parishioners for daily use.

Havelock-cum-Clive.

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

Curate: Rev. Lionel Mackay, B.A.

On November 5th Deaconess Esther Brand gave a very interesting talk to the Mothers' Union and friends on Social Work in the Diocese. The Mothers' Union agreed to furnish the dining room in the Home in Napier which is being started in connection with this work, and already much of the required furniture has been promised.

The annual festival of the Mothers' Union and G.F.S. was held in Napier on November 18th. Both of our Branches were well represented, although perhaps not so well as they would have been if the day had been pleasanter, and after the service in the Cathedral some of those who were present found the climb to Bishops court too much to attempt on such a hot and windy day.

A lantern lecture was given by Mr Tanner on November 3rd, in the Schoolroom, on Evolution in connection with the C.E.M.S., which was followed by an interesting discussion, when many different views were expressed. At the following meeting of our C.E.M.S., Mr R. Gardiner read a paper on Buddhism, illustrating and explaining his remarks by the use of a diagram. This concluded the year's programme, which has consisted of a number of interesting papers on the different religions and a Bible Study class.

The S. Oswald's Guild has met as usual, and this month took the form of a debate on "Sport."

The G.F.S. has met on alternate Tuesdays to complete the filling of a box with clothes for a slum parish in London. The Shipping Company has kindly consented to take it free of charge. Mrs Crompton Smith also at one of the meetings gave a most interesting and helpful address on "Aesthetics," one of the most important subjects at the present time. On November 25th a Missionary sale of work was held at Molland. The work has been done by the Missionary Sewing Guild and the Children's Missionary Band. The proceeds are to be given to the Melanesian Mission which is in such need of funds at the present time.