

Intercessions.

"To some it is given to teach, to some to exhort, to some to govern, to some to bear rule—to all it is given to intercede."

A Suggested Form of Intercession.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Our Father.

Let Thy merciful ears O Lord, etc. (Trinity x).

Pray for true repentance; for the victory of right over wrong; of truth over falsehood; of the light of the Gospel over the darkness of the world; for the extension of God's Kingdom and its unity. For Missionaries, especially those in enemy countries, for their converts and catechumens; for Peace (Trinity v).

For the King, the Government and all who are in positions of responsibility; for our Nation that it may be governed righteously and ever strive for truth and peace and the true good of mankind.

For our Allies.

For the Government of New Zealand that it may deal courageously and rightly with the moral scourges of drunkenness, and impurity, and the public dangers of conspiracy, sedition and disloyalty.

For the Church that she may not lose any opportunity for strengthening the faithful, ministering to the weak, the sick, the suffering, the poor, the mourners, and proclaiming to all the Gospel of Christ.

For Generals and Officers.

For our Chaplains in Camps, at the Front, at Sea that they may have wisdom and grace for their ministrations (especially for those who have gone from this Diocese).

For our Sailors and Soldiers in peril of the Sea and of the Enemy.

For our Soldiers in various theatres of War; especially for the wounded and the sick, for those who attend them—Doctors, Nurses, and Stretcher Bearers.

For the faithful departed, especially those who have fallen in the War.

For the C.E.M.S., Church Army, and other organisations working in the Camps and on the battle field.

For Churchwomen's Societies; especially M.U., G.F.S. and St. Mary's Home.

For the Bishops and Clergy.

For the success of Mr R. Simpson's tour in this Diocese.

For the newly Baptized, Confirmees, and Candidates for Ordination.

For Schools; especially those in this Diocese in which the Catholic faith is taught.

Collect.—Almighty God the Fountain of all wisdom (at end of Communion Service).

News Items.

Churchmen in the Diocese of Christchurch have recently raised £15,177 for the building and maintenance of a large Orphanage ("St. Saviour's Orphanage"), to be built at Timaru.

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A "forward push" is being made for "St. Mary's Home Nursery Fund," started last June. Accommodation for babies of six months old and upwards being urgently needed. £178 has already been received; donations may be sent to the Deaconess, also to Mrs. Jas. Murdoch, Parker's Buildings, Napier, and to Mrs. Henley, Marine Parade, who have been appointed special collectors for the Nursery Building Fund.

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The Hastings branch of the C.E.M.S. and the Diocesan Council are doing splendid work in the Camps at Hastings. Two tents are provided one for games, and the other for rest and writing. C.E.M.S. representatives are in constant attendance and their efforts to interest and help the men are greatly appreciated. It was noticeable in the Infantry Camp that our Church Institutes were by far the most popular on the ground.

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The Poverty Bay Clerical Association held its first meeting of the year at Holy Trinity Vicarage, Gisborne, on Tuesday, 27th March. There was

a good attendance of clergy. After Celebration of the Holy Communion in the Parish Church, the Rev. H. T. Rawnsley opened the subject for discussion which was "The Crisis of the Church." The subject was suggested by an article in the last number of the *Constructive Quarterly* and it gave rise to a considerable amount of discussion. At the meeting a resolution was passed congratulating our Maori Chaplain at the Front, Rev. Henare W. Wainohu, on his having obtained the Order of the White Eagle from the King of Serbia for gallantry in the field.

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A "Temperance Council" has been formed in England of which the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Bourne, Principal Selbie, and "General" Bramwell Booth are the Presidents. The proposals include Sunday closing, restriction of hours, reduction of the number of licensed premises, increase of power of licensing authorities, control of clubs, abolition of grocers' licenses, prohibition of sale to young persons, local option, and provision of alternatives to the liquor tavern. These are the nine points in a programme which has secured a measure of agreement such as could hardly have been looked for in days gone by.

Parochial News.

S. Augustine's, Napier.

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

During Holy Week there were a good number of communicants daily at 6.30 a.m. A most inspiring service was the children's service on Good Friday morning, which was very well attended; their Lenten self-denial savings, amounting to £6 15s, were offered to God at the service and sent to the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, London. The Three Hours' Service was taken by the Vicar, and about 150 people came for at least a part of it; the offerings here and at the evening's service amounted to £6 10s, and were sent to St. Mary's Home, Napier.

A good number turned up on Easter Eve to show their devotion like Mary Magdalene by decorating the church, and it looked very beautiful. There were 195 communicants on Easter Day, and the other services were well attended, and were very hearty. The Vicar was assisted at two of the celebrations by the Rev. John Hobbs, to whom we are most grateful.

The latest marriage has been between two members of our choir, Mr Arthur Robinson and Miss Ward, to whom we offer our best wishes for their future happiness.