

After the service he was entertained by the Natives at luncheon in Whakaturia. In the afternoon he went with the Rev. P. Munro to Awahou, where he held a service and gave an address. In the evening his Lordship administered the rite of confirmation in St. Luke's Church to six candidates, five of whom were girls. He also preached an eloquent sermon, dealing with the nature of God. On the Monday he paid a visit to Manukau, and on Tuesday afternoon he was entertained at tea in Whakaturia.

A very enjoyable social gathering was held on the Tuesday evening in St. Luke's Parish Hall with the object of affording the parishioners an opportunity of meeting the Bishop. The hall had been tastefully arranged and decorated for the occasion by Mrs J. Halkett and Miss Gilbert, and a programme, which had been organised by Mr J. Halkett was gone through. An excellent light supper was served during the evening.

The Vicar, the Rev. K. E. Maclean, presented a silver egg stand and a handsomely bound prayer-book to Miss Marsh, as a gift from the parishioners on the occasion of her approaching marriage.

The Bishop gave a brief address during the evening, earnestly appealing for help to the work carried on in this diocese by Deaconess Esther, the rescue of young girls who have got into trouble, and the training of ladies for church work. He suggested the foundation of a ladies' committee to collect funds for the rescue home in Napier, and of a parochial association to raise funds for mission purposes. He remarked that this time was approaching when the Maoris would assume the responsibility of providing the whole of the funds required for the Maori Mission, which would enable the European portion of the Church to devote all its missionary offerings to other fields of work, and he suggested following the example of the Church in Canada, and maintaining a diocese in China.

Next day his Lordship paid a visit to Galatea, and on the Thursday he arrived at Rotorua and conducted an evening service at Whakarewarewa. He left for Tauranga on the Friday.

### Matawai.

Vicar: Rev. J. Pigott.

The last two months has seen several changes in the parish. From Otoko we have lost Mrs Hamilton who was always a great help in all the Church work and a communicant. From Matawai we have lost Mr and Mrs Buscke and Miss Holmes. Mr and Mrs Buscke have been in the district many years and will be greatly missed. In the days when there was no resident clergyman in Matawai at all their sitting room was frequently used as a Church, where the neighbours gathered for a Sunday Evensong. They will be remembered, perhaps, most on account of their readiness to help those in difficulties, trouble or sickness. They were cheerful givers and "God loveth a cheerful giver." Miss Holmes had only been with us for about eighteen months but was a regular communicant and had taken complete charge of the Matawai Sunday School. Living some two miles away she gave up every Sunday afternoon, wet and dry, to teaching the young the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. The Ladies' Guild and Sunday School met in the Church on the last Sunday

in May to bid her farewell. A short service was held, after which she was presented with a little book from the children and a fountain pen from the Ladies' Guild. Mr and Mrs Buscke and Miss Holmes have gone to the Opotiki parish and Mrs Hamilton to Merivale, Christchurch. We welcome back Mrs Smith and Miss Howe who have done useful work for the Church in Matawai before, and the latter has now taken charge of the Sunday School. We still need another teacher.

The Ladies' Guild meets on the last Wednesday in each month, they are now working for the Sale of Work at the usual time at the beginning of December.

The Prayer Circles at Matawai and Otoko are still kept up, the former takes the form of an Intercession Service in the Church every Wednesday evening at 7.15, the latter meets about once a month at Mrs Bilham's house.

Services are now held once a month in Mr MacLean's Woolshed at Oponaë, the Vicar regrets that on account of this Service, he is only able to get to Motu on the fourth and fifth Sundays.

### Tauranga.

Vicar: Archdeacon Tuhe

Lay Readers: Messrs C. J. Butcher,  
F. A. Stevens.

Thanks to Archdeacon Ruddock who came here to relieve me whilst I went to visit Opotiki and Whakatane, the Services for Whitsunday were all maintained. Unfortunately the wet day militated against the attendance and the Melanesian offertory. One experienced the same kind of day at Opotiki where one found the Vicar with a heavy cold and Miss Fisher laid up with bronchitis. After taking the Services there I left with the Vicar on Monday for Whakatane where we had the privilege of attending the Mission taken by the Rev C. Mutter, who also gave the Clergy of the Archdeaconry present a very helpful address at the second celebration on Tuesday. After enjoying kind hospitality from Mrs Morrison and Mrs Read, and a Clerical lunch at the Vicarage thoughtfully arranged by the Vicar and his wife I came on to Matata where about forty people attended a Service at short notice. Mr and Mrs Burt were responsible for beating up the people, and for housing one for the night. On arrival home via Paengaroa I found the Archdeacon here where we drove out on Home Mission fund work. My long trip down the coast was varied by my chauffeur having two guns. Whenever a hawk or a mob of quail hove near by, he stopped to stalk them. With these waits and those enforced by commercial gentlemen on board, who did business at each centre, it took us twelve hours to reach Whakatane the first day. We scarcely got through to Opotiki the road being so bad, and the journey home across the Rangitaiki swamp in a wintry night was not too warm in a buggy with slow horses on heavy roads.

The Bishop's visit came next. We were glad to be able to hospitably him this time in the Vicarage additional room, and to find him looking so well again. Motiti Island was out of the question in such a gale as raged on the Monday after our Confirmation Sunday, but he went with myself and the Revs Whaka, and Pirie Munro to Matapihi,

where we hope the Church building will now proceed.

The Confirmation Service was very largely attended, the candidates, including seven adults, numbering thirty-four. An old parishioner of eighty years being unable to leave his house was privately Confirmed. The Confirmees had been for over three months most regular in attending the classes, some riding for ten miles. This was most encouraging to myself their Vicar. They made their first Communion yesterday.

The Guilds, senior and junior, are both working well. A sewing machine will be procured by the senior Guild with a donation generously given by Mrs Hamilton, one of our oldest members.

We are glad to see Mr Hamilton amongst us again and looking well; but we fear he will not be staying here long. We shall miss him and his wife after his long years of interest in the Church.

### Taradale.

Vicar: Rev. A. P. Clarke.

A very successful Gift afternoon was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 16th May. The proceedings were made all the more pleasant by the musical items kindly rendered by Misses Mitford Taylor and Ruddock, of Napier.

Our annual Missionary Sale of Work will be held on Wednesday, 5th of September. We understand that parishioners are working hard to make this a greater success than ever. The Meanees parishioners made their annual effort for the Foreign Field one day last month. This consisted of an entertainment comprising songs, part songs, readings and recitations capably rendered by young people, and most capably managed by Mrs Hubert Harris who is always to the fore in every good work.

A pleasant function in the form of a Parish Social took place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 8th June. Parlour games were indulged in, and Miss Thomas kindly arranged a nice little programme of music, which was greatly enjoyed. This Social was the first of a proposed series, the object of which is to bring parishioners in closer touch with one another.

The Flood proved very disastrous in some parts of the Parish, driving away three good Church families from Meanees.

The Powdrell's are very old identities and have for years been a great source of strength to the work in that portion of our Parish. Miss Powdrell having filled the position of organist for a considerable time.

The Balls, too, have been amongst the very best of our parishioners. Greenmeadows residents are especially grateful to Mr Ball for superintending the Sunday School ever since its inauguration. Mrs Ross and her daughters we shall miss very much. Irene Ross, who has been very dangerously ill, we are glad to know is now very much better.

When will some comprehensive scheme for the protection of small settlers be evolved by the River authorities?

We are also exceedingly sorry to lose from Taradale Mrs West and her daughter, "Flossie," who have been faithful members of the Church.

The deepest sympathy is felt for the family of Private F. J. Robinson, of Greenmeadows, killed in action in France on the 7th June.