

cially impressive, the Confirmation, according to ancient custom, followed the Nicene Creed in the Holy Eucharist and the whole congregation remained till after the blessing in the Communion office.

St. Andrew's, Napier.

Vicar: Rev. F. B. Redgrave, M.A.

On Easter Day, notwithstanding the wet morning, the Communicants were double the number last year. There was an encouraging number at a celebration at St. Columba's, it being the first time that there has ever been a celebration of Holy Communion in the little church at West-shore.

Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Low Sunday, when the services were well attended, especially in the evening, when the church was very full. The church was very effectively decorated, only a small proportion of the produce being taken into the church. The sale of the harvest offerings reached a sum of £21.

Two alterations have been made in the services which are held fortnightly at Eskdale. They are now all in the morning and are held in the Public Hall instead of in the school as formerly. That the double change is welcomed is shown by the fact that there have been very much larger congregations since the change was made.

St. Augustine's, Napier.

Locum Tenens: Rev. W. J. Simkin.

There were splendid attendances at the Good Friday services, especially the Three Hours, when most people showed their devotion by watching the whole three hours at the foot of the Cross. At the children's service the self-denial offerings for the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society amounted to £6 16s, while the other offerings of the day for St. Mary's Home came to £6 15s. The offertories at the Lenten week-day services for the Jerusalem and the East Mission totalled £6 17s. The Vicar was home from camp and took the services on Good Friday and Easter Day.

On Holy Saturday a good number came to show their devotion by decorating the church, which looked beautiful.

In spite of the wet Easter Day there were 190 Communicants, and the offerings were most liberal, for which the Vicar wishes to offer his thanks, and appreciation of the spirit which prompted them. Special music had been prepared by Mr Harston and the choir, and it greatly helped to

emphasise the spirit of thankfulness in all the services.

Mr Simkin, our locum tenens, is carrying on with excellent congregations.

On the Wednesday in Easter Week the prizes of the Sunday School were presented, and a very excellent programme was given by the scholars. A fair number of parents were present. During the evening the Rev. John Hobbs, who is carrying on the Sunday School work, spoke of the work of the Vicar, and Mr T. Pallot, on behalf of the teachers and scholars, presented the Vicar with a wristlet watch and voiced their good wishes for his new work amongst the soldiers. The Vicar, in thanking them, appealed for the prayers of parishioners, young and old, for his work. The G.F.S. also presented the Vicar with a warm military overcoat.

Havelock North.

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

Curate: Rev. A. Hall, M.A.

Some time has elapsed since these notes appeared last, and even now there seems to be little of diocesan interest. The Rev. J. R. Burgin was able to visit us before his breakdown, and his appeal met with a generous response. Holy Week and Easter were most blessed for us. The Rev. J. Hobbs took the Three Hours' Service on Good Friday and the Rev. L. Fenn assisted on Easter Day. To both of these priests we are most grateful. St. Luke's Church has been enriched by new white hangings in the Sanctuary and by a new curtain by the organ, both gifts, the latter from some Confirmation candidates.

The C.E.M.S. are having Bible study once a month, using some leaflets published by Miss Body in Christ-church.

St. Hilda's Guild have had papers read on Temperance, some connecting links in the Bible, the religious education of children, and at a combined meeting with the C.E.M.S. a most interesting paper on the Emmanuel movement was read by Mr Derham.

Baptisms.—Nancy Detonia Tanner, Jean Hunter, Margaret Elizabeth Flanders, Noeline Maud Riseborough, Percy William George Lee, Walter John Franklin, Owen Douglas Franklin.

Burials.—William John Douglas, Mabel Ball.

Rotorua.

Vicar: Rev. K. E. Maclean, B.A.

The Good Friday services in St. Luke's Church, Rotorua, were well attended and were conducted by the

Rev. C. E. Nicholas, who is taking duty in the parish during the regretted absence of the Vicar for health reasons. They consisted of shortened Mattins, commencing at 9 a.m., followed by the Litany and the Ante-Communion service, a service for children at 11 a.m., and evensong at 7.30 p.m.

The church was very tastefully decorated for the Easter festival, and there were large attendances at the services. Three celebrations of the Holy Communion were held— at 7 a.m. (choral), 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., the Rev. C. E. Nicholas celebrating at each. The total number of communicants was 181. Evensong, at 7 p.m., was conducted by Mr Nicholas, who preached, and the lessons were read by Mr H. E. Gilbert. Miss Ruth Gardner presided at the organ, and the choir led the singing of the Easter music very effectively.

Work in connection with the erection of the Church of England Soldiers' Institute in Rotorua was commenced about a week before Easter, the contractors being Messrs Wright and King, of Wellington, and one of the firm, Mr H. L. Wright, is in Rotorua supervising the operations, which are expected to be finished early in June. The building is to face the main entrance to the Government Gardens, being situated at the corner of Arawa and Hinemaru streets on the section opposite the Town Square, where the lessees—Messrs Hancock and Co.—have generously given the use of the necessary ground. It will be a decided acquisition to the town, both architecturally and from the point of view of usefulness. The institute is to be 50ft. square, and will contain six rooms, namely: Billiard room, 22ft. by 12ft.; lounge, 14ft. by 13ft.; chaplain's room, 14ft. by 9ft.; reading and writing room, 21ft. by 13ft.; card-room, 20ft. by 13ft.; kitchen, 15ft. square. There will be a capacious verandah, porch, and all conveniences to date. The studs are to be 10ft. high on the outside, rising to 12ft., to carry an octagonal dome over the billiard room. The main hall, which will be furnished with commodious and comfortable seating, is to be entered from the porch and verandah by adjustable doors. The billiard room floor is to be somewhat lower than the main floors. The card and reading rooms are to be fitted with folding doors. The lounge will be separated from the billiard room by an archway. The main idea of this arrangement is that the whole can be practically made into one room if necessary, enabling the occupants of the outer rooms to overlook the play in the billiard room. The institute is to be for the use of all soldiers, irrespective of their religious denomination.