

## Military Affairs Committee.

The Military Affairs Committee acknowledges receipt of the following donations:—Per H.B. War Relief Association: E. H. Williams £25, E.R.G. (Havelock) £2 10s; total £27 10s.

The Rev. P. Davis, C.F., late Chaplain on the hospital ship Maheno, has taken charge of the Institute at Tauherenikau Camp, replacing the Rev. J. Rogers, who has accepted the charge of the Parish of Greymouth. We wish Mr Davis every success in his new sphere, and feel sure that the valuable experience gained on the hospital ship will be freely used to the great benefit of the men in C1 camp, who are to be congratulated on having Mr Davis with them.

Considerable additions are now being made to the Institute at the Awapuni Camp, which will practically double the size. This extension was much needed, as latterly the building has proved far too small for the number of men using it, and will materially assist the Rev. H. G. Blackburn in his work.

Chaplain Johnson, of Featherston Camp, desires to thank the many donors of gifts of cake. These are invaluable in materially assisting in providing pleasant evenings for social intercourse with and amongst the men in camp, who thoroughly appreciate them. We trust that others will come forward and assist in this important part of his work. Parcels may be addressed to Chaplain Johnson, Church of England Institute, Featherston Military Camp.

The following letter shows that the benefits provided by the Church Army Huts at the front are appreciated by the soldiers:—

Pelorus Sound,  
June 12th, 1918.

Rev. J. R. Burgin, C.F.

Dear Sir,—I am sending ——— towards the "Church Army Huts." I notice that my brother, who is in Mesopotamia, always writes his letters from Church Army Huts, so I feel I should like to have a part in helping on this noble work.—Yours faithfully,

M.B.

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### Reports for Month ending July 12th, 1918.

For the past month there have been two of us, and we are just about able to double the work, working what are practically two camps.

A Confirmation was held in the Chapel on the 28th of June. The daily evensong is well attended and it seems to help many.

The concert parties delight large audiences every Monday night. I

have given 1203 interviews during the month.

T. FEILDEN TAYLOR, C.F.,  
Canon.

This is my first report since coming into camp, and it shall be a report of a problem, but it has been brought home to me very forcibly during the past month. On my second Sunday in camp, besides the main camp, the segregation camp was filled with a new draft. Of these latter, about 400 attended the Church of England parade service. Three celebrations of the Holy Communion were provided in that camp the same morning, and there was a total attendance of six at these services.

Granted that the men were new to camp life, and that some of them did not know of the celebrations, still these considerations do not account for the appalling disproportion in the numbers.

In the main camp the same morning there was a parade service attended by about 1000 men, and a total of seven communicants at three celebrations.

It is surely the intention and teaching of the Church of England, that all of her members who have come to years of discretion should live the communicant life. If that is so, it would seem to be very plainly indicated by the above facts that, at any rate as far as her male members are concerned, the Church's teaching is very far from being accepted.

Something is very wrong somewhere, something which it ought to be the earnest concern of every member of the Church, both clergy and laity, to discover and remedy.

Will you do your part by thinking and by praying, to put it right?

TREVOR V. GILFILLAN, C.F.

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The following list shows the amount of donations received by the Military Affairs Committee, from July, 1914, to July, 1918:—Diocese of Auckland £4250 11s 8d, Christchurch £3635 10s 8d, Dunedin £1245 15s, Melanesia £25, Nelson £1426 12s 6d, Wellington £7863 1s, Waiapu direct to M.A.C. £3591 15s 5d, per Rev. F. W. Whibley £4301. Total, £26,339 6s 3d.

Church Army Receipts for Captain Arthur Allen's recitals.—Otane £37, Waipukurau £8 17s, Porangahan £11 10s, Makotuku £10, Ormondville £4 10s, Whetukura £8 17s. Total, £80 14s.

## To Contributors.

Please Note: All contributions to our columns should be sent direct to the Editor, c/o the "Waipawa Mail," Box 29, Waipawa, and not through the Diocesan Office.

## Meetings.

### Diocesan Trusts Board.

At a meeting of the Diocesan Trusts Board on July 10th, the following were elected as trustees to fill vacancies on various trusts:—

Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees: Ven. Archdeacon Williams and Mr F. W. Williams.

Te Aute Trust: Rev. Canon Mayne and Mr T. Crosse.

Waerenga-a-hika Trust: Ven. Archdeacon Williams and Mr Thomas Halbert.

Bishopric Endowment Trust: Mr W. Shrimpton and Mr F. W. Williams.

Diocesan Offices Trust: Mr F. W. Williams, Mr Ellison and Rev. Canon Mayne.

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### Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee passed a vote of condolence and sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr W. J. Tabuteau, and placed on record its appreciation of his valued services during many years in connection with the Diocese.

A vote of congratulation was passed to Mr J. B. Fielder on his recovery from a serious operation, the Standing Committee expressing its hope for his speedy recovery.

A large framed photograph of Mr J. B. Fielder (late Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer) has been placed on the wall in the Diocesan offices.

The Standing Committee congratulated the Bishop on the Honor of the Degree of D.D. lately conferred on him by the University of Cambridge.

The Bishop reported that he had inducted the Rev. K. E. Maclean, B.A., to the charge of Woodville. Miss Hare had been stationed at the Mission House at Ruatoki, and Miss Young remained in charge of the Mission House at Whakarewarewa.

Mr S. M. Hutchinson has given a site about 1½ miles from Opotiki for a proposed hostel as the centre of the work of a Bush Brotherhood to work in the backblock country in the Bay of Plenty district.

A legacy of £500 has been left by Mr G. T. Williams to establish clergy in country districts not yet being worked.

It was reported that several Maori districts were now self-supporting, and one at least set a splendid example to pakeha districts by not only paying its own way, but contributing largely to various Missions.