

with another £25. Another lady took up the challenge within a few hours. The wonderful amount raised in the year for the new organ (nearly all from within the parish), and the greatly increased offertories, show that many parishioners are realising the joy of giving. And we are not wealthy people. Close-fistedness does not produce happiness; the mean man is a misery.

The senior girls' Bible class under Mrs Macfarlane entertained the other Bible classes and friends at a social evening last month. It was a great success.

The G.F.S. was addressed by Miss Margaret Walker, of Christchurch, and also held a social evening, organised by Miss Lydford. The Mothers' Union was to be addressed by the Rev. F. B. Redgrave.

The C.E.M.S. entertained the Hastings and Havelock North branches on Friday, July 23rd.

On July 13th a regular member of our morning congregation and faithful communicant, Mrs Martin, passed within the veil. She was the widow of Mr Frederick Martin, who was one of our Sunday School teachers, even when over the age of 60 years. May they both rest in peace. Our sympathy goes out to their family.

Ormondville.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Whibley.

The annual balance-sheet showed general church collections received £76 1s 8d, special (for missions, etc.) £79 11s 4d; total receipts £507 16s; debit balance, £12 2s 9d.

In his annual report the Vicar called attention to an increase during the year in church attendance and offerings. He thanked all church workers, especially the lay readers, Messrs Fothergill and Speight, the churchwardens, vestry, lady helpers and organists.

Three churches in the parish are being painted as labor is available.

The Standing Committee have granted a loan of £100 towards the building of the Makotuku Sunday School.

We desire to thank Mrs Sanders for the gift of a handsome altar frontal as a peace thankoffering. A new sanctuary carpet has been provided out of the Sanctuary Fund.

The tender for building the Whetukura Church is £762. Amount in hand £410, promises £127. Consideration of the tender is postponed till August in the hope of prices being reduced.

St. Luke's Church, Havelock North.

Vicar: Rev. Canon J. A. Lush.

The Vicar confesses that he has been profiteering accidentally. The

charge for the "Gazette" and "Provincial Paper" is not 4s, but 3s. He is very sorry he has made the mistake.

The event of the month has been the visit of the Rev. W. J. Durrad, for many years a missionary in Melanesia, now organising secretary for the N.Z. Board of Missions. His object has been to stir up missionary zeal, to suggest service in the mission field to the young, and to ask for financial help. God only knows how he has succeeded. He made it clear that we cannot be Christians without having missionary zeal. 'Go ye into all the world' are the marching orders of our Lord. We can all do something to help by first, prayer; second, almsgiving. At the conference after the lantern lecture it was agreed that Whitsun Week should be the period for gathering in missionary subscriptions—none will be asked to give at any other time of the year. Mrs Douglas Williams and Mr Harvey have consented to act as secretaries, and Miss Myra Ridgway as box secretary. As Whitsun Week is just lately over, it is suggested that we should pay in half-yearly subscriptions at once, and begin the full year next Whitsuntide. If it is wished that a subscription be given to any special society, it should be made clear, otherwise the Central Board will distribute as it thinks best. A missionary box can be had on application to Miss Myra Ridgway or the Vicar. May we rise to our missionary call.

Church School.—Number on books, 6 boys and 12 girls. A fireplace has been built into the school.

The C.E.M.S. in New Zealand has started a scheme for outcoming immigrants, a great need. It has got as far as appointing a port officer for Wellington. Very soon, it is hoped, it will be possible to set up hostels at the chief ports. The scheme depends on the hearty support of everyone.

The G.F.S. is going slowly ahead. Miss Dobbie's physical culture class is much appreciated.

The Lads' Craft Guild is waiting for orders, which can be arranged with Mr Malden.

Our very best wishes go out to Miss Smart, who is to be married on July 21st.

An innovation. Mr Ball reinforced the organ with the violin at one of the services. Will others volunteer to join him?

The Vicar is sorry he has neglected Pukahu so much. It was his turn as Canon to preach at the Cathedral on the third Tuesday in July. Many thanks to Mr Crompton Smith for taking the service at Pukahu, and to all others who have helped at Havelock and Clive.

St. Mark's Church, Clive.

Money has been steadily coming in for the Vicarage. About £20 is wanted to make up the £200 which we hope to have before the Rev. F. C. Geddes and his wife arrive on August 4th.

A flood made it impossible to have services on July 11th.

On July 19th the Rev. W. J. Durrad gave a lantern lecture on the work of the Melanesian Mission. Clive will rise to the call, and will do all it can to help forward the missionary work of the church. A secretary is needed.

Very best wishes from us all to Mr George Cushing and Miss Neagle, who are to be married on August 4th.

Otane.

Vicar: Rev. G. W. Davidson.

The annual meeting passed off happily enough in spite of the cold weather. The Churchwardens' Committee's report showed about £50 debit on the year's working, but there was extra work in Elsthorpe Church grounds for which the Vicar promised on behalf of the Elsthorpe people a refund this winter if possible. Then the church in Otane has been well painted outside and oiled within—and a new rain-water tank erected at the Vicarage costing over £50 and increase by £100 in Vicar's stipend and motor upkeep fund—thus making a debit nothing to be alarmed at. The parishioners' warden, Mr G. Clark, did not seek re-election and his son, Mr A. G. Clark, was unanimously elected to the position, whilst the Vicar nominated Mr Geo. C. Williams again, and a good committee was elected.

The Vicar gave an interesting report which was fully reported in the local paper, and copies sent to each subscriber—so no need of items here.

The choir at Otane has a change of choirmaster, the Vicar taking over that work from Mr H. Waters, who resigned after some three years' faithful service. Mr Waters has not severed his connection, but continues an active member of the choir.

St. Matthew's, Hastings.

Vicar: Rev. R. T. Hall.

Assistant Curate: Rev. O. Gibson.

The Rev. R. T. Hall was instituted on June 22nd by the Ven. Archdeacon Williams, the Bishop's Commissary. A late change of date prevented several clergy from being able to attend, but there were present Archdeacon Simkin, Dean Mayne, Canon Lush, and Rev. F. B. Redgrave. After the service a short social of welcome was held in the schoolroom.

On the 24th June the Gleaners' Union met at Trinton School, when