

school to be held will find some, if not all, of the teachers joining up in Napier for it. The members of the congregation, especially the parents of children to whom they teach the Christian faith could hardly do a worthier act than make a present to the teachers of a trip to Napier. The cost would be little more than the travelling expenses, and they would reap lasting benefit in their children's instruction.

I shall take with me many memories of stirring events, war work, epidemics, flood; all reminding me what Opotiki people can and will do in a good cause, and not the least of them the sound response to the invitation on behalf of starving Serbian children just recently made.

I shall be called upon to close up my accounts for "Gazette" subscriptions. Please give any that may be due either to me, or to Mr Vickers for me.

My confident hope is that the vestry and congregation of St. Stephen's will give their whole-hearted and energetic support to whoever is called to follow after me, in ministering in spiritual things, and my prayer will ever be that God the Holy Spirit will inspire, direct and bless all your efforts, to the praise of His Holy Name!

Ormondville.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Whibley.

As a number of soldiers attended service on Anzac Day, it was decided to have like special services once a quarter alternately at the two churches in the parish.

Archdeacon H. Williams, while on his way to Auckland, kindly consented to stop for the special service at Makotuku on August 8th. A large congregation had assembled, and after prayers the Vicar stated the object of these special services was to draw out our thanks afresh to Almighty God for all His mercies, and especially for those that were prominent in our minds at this special service. The address of Archdeacon Herbert Williams was listened to with evident interest and attention. Perhaps the more so, as he said: I am not here to preach to you, but to have a friendly talk, at this special service, on what should be the result of the war on our individual lives, and to try to show simply, that God rules in the world and over-rules all things for good to them that love Him. In this case the most carefully laid plans for the destruction of our Empire, backed by a strong nation (and its Allies) trained to arms and aided by an unscrupulous use of the devices of science, and which they were confident must succeed against our unprepared nation

(and our Allies, France and Belgium) were all over-ruled by the God before Whom humiliation and repentance was made for national sin, and who heard and answered our prayers for safe guidance through the national peril. The Archdeacon said the historians of the day were unlike the historians of the Old Testament, in one respect, for they all ascribed the triumph of right over might to the Lord. The Anzac Band contributed greatly to the beauty of the services, and the hymns were sung with zest to their music. The canticles were played by our organist, Miss May Schaare, and assisted by the band. The Archdeacon, from the altar steps, then read the names of the Makotuku soldiers inscribed on the memorial window, and the Vicar the name of twenty-nine that had returned, from the prayer desk. A bouquet of flowers was presented at the Holy Table by the Archdeacon, this tribute of affectionate memory being made by the only mother now residing in Makotuku whose son is named on the window.

From July 21st to August 20th the Church Army secretary at Ormondville has sent to London £288 3s for the Save the Children Fund in Europe. A late report says that there is so little food that it has been decided that children under 3 years of age must be abandoned to starvation, or there would not be enough to go round for those that are more likely to live. New Zealand is trying to save some lives by her donations.

Havelock North.

Vicar: Rev. Canon Lush, B.A.
Lay Readers: Dr. H. Weeks, Mr P. W. Holmes.

We are all feeling the need of the sun. Many children have whooping cough and bad colds. Our sympathy goes out to all mothers who are grappling with sickness as well as with the ordinary housework. We look forward to the working of the new electric scheme, not only for the 'light' which we have enjoyed for some time, but for all the other 'uses,' which will make things easier in the 'home.' A demonstration of what can be done in the home by electricity would be a great help. Will some enterprising person take it in hand? We are sometimes afraid that the 'powers that be' look at things only from the point of view of light.

What a number of calls there are on the purse! And they are all reasonable. After all, if everyone gave something, every call would be met. A motor drive to Hastings and back costs at least £2. Bus and pictures—well, never mind.

The Vicar has been reminded that this parish subscribed practically nothing for St. Mary's Home last

year. The Home is full up and magnificent work is being done, work that must appeal to everyone, but finance causes some anxiety. £10 has come in. The parish must provide £100 this year to make up for last year. The Vicar suggests 6 £5 each, 6 £2 each, 20 £1 each, 40 10s each, 40 5s each, 40 2s 6d each, 60 1s each—£100. Please send or give yours to the Vicar within a week.

The Vicar is exchanging with the Rev. H. Collier, of Takapau, for two or three Sundays in September.

The Rev. R. F. and Mrs Geddes are in residence in Clive. They are looking out for a house.

The spouting of the church has been put in order. We hope the rain will keep outside the church in future.

Confirmation classes have been formed. Will those who are thinking about Confirmation communicate with the Vicar? Don't put it off if you feel impelled to come forward.

Miss Felkin and Miss Chambers, two Communicants, are on their way to England. Our best wishes go with them both, especially with Miss Chambers, who is to be married. There is no news yet of Mr and Mrs Meads from England. We hear this morning that Mr Meads' mother has undergone an operation successfully in Napier Hospital.

Best wishes to all the schools for the holidays.

Baptisms.—Margaret Joan Cooper, Mavis Betty Fulford, Alfred Edward Pell, Frank Maxwell Houghton, Winifred Sheila Mary von Dadelszen.

Marriages.—Frederick Stephen Hellyer and Eva May Wilson, at Clive; James Henry Cropper and Elsie Gladys Smart; George Cushing and Mabel Kathleen Neagle, at Clive.

Burials.—Alfred Edward Pell, aged 2 weeks; Rose Hannah Long, aged 47; Winifred Bessie von Dadelszen, aged 33 years.

St. Augustine's, Napier.

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

We were delighted to have the Rev. W. J. Durrad, the Organising Secretary for the Board of Missions, staying at the Vicarage for a fortnight last month while working the surrounding parishes. He preached here and also gave a lantern lecture. Only about 40 people came to the latter, which shows how few are really keen on the work which is nearest to the heart of Our Lord. We could easily get a couple of hundred to a dance. What must it all look like in the eyes of Our Saviour? Can a man be a real Christian who takes no notice of the great commission of our Leader to carry the Gospel to every creature? Our parishes will have strong spiritual life when they are really giving themselves to mission