

emigrants from the Church Army arrived in the s.s. Mamari on September 20th. Four families were on board, and were met at Dunedin by the C.E.M.S. Twelve additional families are either on the water, or will start by the end of October.

The destinations and letters of introduction are forwarded from the New Zealand secretary to Rev. W. Bullock, C.E.M.S., who will make arrangements to meet and welcome them at the ports of arrival. Mr Bullock, writing on October 6th, says that the C.E.M.S. "Immigrants' Welcome Campaign" for funds, had just reached the full £1000.

## Parochial Notes.

### St. Andrew's, Port Ahuriri.

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

The annual sale of work and produce was a big success notwithstanding the fact that there was a great deal of sickness about which prevented many from working for the sale, and others from attending it. We appealed for £100, and got it. The proceeds go towards the different parish funds.

The Vicarage should be finished in about a month's time. We have had many disappointments in regard to its construction, first there was no cement, then no timber, then the timber was too green, and so on. But we are very thankful that the full sum required has been raised by subscriptions so that no loan will be necessary, also that the contractor (Mr F. Smith) has put the best possible work into it.

Parishioners have now all received the circular letter re the General Diocesan Fund. Ours is not a wealthy parish, but we do want every parishioner to give to this central fund so that we may be able to send quite a respectable sum to help on the work of the Church throughout the diocese.

### St. Matthew's, Hastings.

Vicar: Rev. R. T. Hall.

Assistant Curate: Rev. O. Gibson.

The Gleaners' Union meeting was held in September. Canon Arthur Williams, who was to have given an address, was unable to come, and finally, wet weather setting in, the meeting was cancelled.

The monthly lecture of the G.F.S. was given on September 23rd by Mrs Chapman Taylor. There was a very good attendance, and the address, which was most helpful and instructive, was listened to with much interest and appreciation.

The Mothers' Union held a social afternoon on October 5th, but only a few members were present.

We had the pleasure of a visit from the Rev. F. A. Bennett, who preached at Evensong on October 10th.

On the second Wednesday in October the C.E.M.S. had its usual meeting. A paper was read on "Pictures," and a general discussion followed. All present were agreed that some steps must be taken to combat the present evil of impure pictures and amusement. It was decided to bring the matter before the General Conference in Wellington in December.

Under the auspices of the G.F.S. the Rev. F. A. Bennett gave a most interesting lecture on October 14th, entitled "Ancient Games and Myths of the Maoris." The hall was well filled and everyone enjoyed the lecture. A collection was made in aid of the Hastings Hostel Fund, and the sum contributed was £8 13s 3d.

The half-yearly accounts for the mission boxes have just closed and show the receipts for the last half-year as £64 10s 10d. It is tiring work calling upon all box holders, and the collectors by their keenness set a good example to other Church members.

### Matawai.

Priest in Charge: Rev. A. E. Hunt, L.Th.

On Saturday, October 2nd, the vestry held a meeting at the Vicarage. After the opening prayers were said the minutes were read and confirmed. Mr H. Shaw, people's warden, then extended to Canon Foster a very hearty welcome on behalf of the people in this district. These words of welcome were supported by Mr Wilcox. Canon Foster replied, thanking the vestrymen, and in a few words conveyed his pleasure at having arrived in New Zealand, also his desire to "serve for we are your servants and we ask you to use us." Business was then proceeded with and information concerning this will be found in the Parochial District cover to the "Gazette." The first issue of this cover is a sign of progress and development.

The Ladies' Guild also met at the Vicarage on Saturday, October 2nd, and after the opening prayers Mrs A. E. Gibson, secretary, addressed a few words of welcome to Canon Foster, which were much appreciated by him and to which he replied. It was a real inspiration to all and especially to the Vicar to see the vestry and the Ladies' Guild, the two main bodies who are working for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. The Ladies' Guild membership now totals 30 members. We were most

glad to welcome Mrs McLennan, Mrs Adam McLennan and Mrs Stevens amongst us. There is no limit to the number of this Guild. It is open to all. Come and let us have the pleasure of your fellowship and power of your character.

The circulation of the "Gazette" from this month on will be increased to 100 copies per month. This is well worth reaching and is to be enlarged. In addition to this we shall have our own parochial cover addition whereupon more detailed news of the district will in future be found. Members of the Body of Christ I urge you to circulate this "Gazette" and any other Christian literature you may love. Let us see to it that every home has at least the opportunity of learning what is the ideal of true Christian citizenship, both as citizens of the world and as citizens of the Kingdom of God.

For further information re Confirmation classes, Boy Scout meetings, young men's evening at the Vicarage, etc., turn to the cover.

Holy Baptism.—Edith Myrl Cumming, James Briant Tombleson, Mary Elizabeth Smith, Phillip Anthony Brownlie, George Charles Brownlie, Leslie Winter McLennan.

Holy Matrimony.—John Bailey Clegg and Rose Marion Alderson, Basil George Shipp and Nora Phyllis Coghlan.

R.I.P.—Ralph Ernest Ashdown, aged 4 years.

### Havelock North.

Vicar: Rev. Canon Lush, B.A.

More parish news will be found in the sheet. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mr and Mrs Ellison and family, and to the widow of Mr Roland Ellison who died on October 13th. Many of us knew Roland well and can speak of his many acts of quiet kindnesses. He has had our sympathy all the time that he has been grappling with increasing physical weakness. May he rest in peace.

Remember! Melanesian sale, November 10th.

We are grateful to St. Matthew's choir for their help in the first evensong of our Patronal Festival, and to the Rev. O. Gibson for preaching.

Again, many thanks to those who have arranged and carried out another dance to help clear off the debt in the Village Hall. Probably few of those who came realised the financial object, at the same time we are grateful to them and hope they will come again.

Hastings is now taking steps to establish a G.F.S. hostel. Good; it is much wanted.