

The St. Mary's Home Fund is creeping along: I.M. 5s, R.E. 10s, Mrs Dyson, Maraetotara, 5s.

The Home Mission Fund, in future to be called the General Diocesan Fund, suffered financially owing to a wet Sunday. However, many sent money which brought the collection from 3 to 13 guineas.

Very best wishes to Miss Wheeler, who is to be married to Mr Orr, of Mangaweka, on November 2nd.

We very much need a few rustic seats in the church grounds as they will be most useful in the summer.

Again, owing to mumps and measles, we are denied the pleasure of having the schools at church.

St. Augustine's, Napier.

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

We kept our Dedication Festival on Sunday, October 17th. There was a fine number of communicants at the two celebrations. The Vicar of Hastings preached at the Choral Eucharist on the subject of "Praise," and emphasised the point that we should make the Eucharist the centre of our worship and religion. In the evening the Vicar preached on the Church as the centre of spiritual power. There were good congregations all day.

On the following day a most enjoyable parish social evening was held. One of the items was a good address by Mr A. Turner Williams on the subject of the General Diocesan Fund. Supper was served by the members of the Dorcas Society. The Sunday School scholars had the next evening, and were entertained at tea, followed by games and an excellent impromptu concert by themselves.

The dancing classes ended last month after a very enjoyable season. They have proved a great success, and the numbers have kept up to the end.

In spite of the wet day for the collections for the General Diocesan Fund, with the retiring collection on the following Sunday, our amount is a record from this parish.

We are holding a final Gift Sale on Wednesday, November 10th, in aid of our Organ Fund. We have £897 out of the £907 required for the complete organ, but we need extra for the memorial brass for our fallen heroes, and also some of the structural alterations to the church. We want this to be our last effort, so we shall be glad of the help of all.

An enjoyable social and "smoke-oh" for men was organised by our C.E.M.S. last month. We discussed reasons why men don't go to church.

St. Mark's Church, Clive.

Vicar: Rev. R. F. Geddes, M.A.

The date of the institution of the Vicar has not yet been fixed, but

parishioners will be given ample notice, and we hope that everyone who can possibly manage it will be present both at the institution and also at the business meeting which is to follow.

We hope before very long to have established a Sunday School at Mangateretere. The people of the district are very keen and the School Committee are willing that we should use the schoolroom on Sundays for that purpose. Will all our parishioners please remember this new work very specially in their prayers.

On Wednesday, October 6th, the monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union and G.F.S. was held, when reference was made to the death of Mary Alley—one of the most devoted members of our church. Mrs Rud-dock and Canon Lush spoke of the splendid service she had rendered in St. Mark's Church for many years. The matter of a suitable memorial was discussed, and a silver chalice and patten were suggested. Mrs Geddes was appointed to fill her place as secretary to G.F.S. and Mrs Wigg was appointed treasurer of the church sewing guild. It was decided to hold a church social to raise funds for the purchase of new material for the Guild. In connection with the social a committee of eight was appointed, Miss Maria Cushing and Miss Carter being joint secretaries. The date has been fixed for Tuesday, November 2nd, and we expect all our people to do their utmost to make it a success.

During the month we have been glad to welcome home Mrs Bateman and Mrs Cheer.

Burials.—Doris May Wilkinson, September 10th. R.I.P.

Baptisms.—Florence Joan Alicia Wilkinson, Allan Edwin Wilkinson, September 12th.

Marriage.—Louis Robert Gibb and Ethel Shepherd, October 6th.

Rotorua.

Vicar: Rev. Canon F. W. Chatterton, B.D.

A memorial service for the late Lieut.-Colonel Cosgrove, Dominion Chief Scout, attended by the Rotorua Scouts, was held on the morning of Sunday, September 19th, in St. Luke's Church. The Scouts mustered on the Marine Parade, and marched to the church headed by the Arawa Band. A dozen Girl Scouts, under the Chief Scoutmistress, Miss Young, and upwards of thirty Boy Scouts, under Chief Scoutmaster T. C. Hawkins, attended the service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. L. B. Goertz.

The fifteenth annual daffodil "at home" and spring flower show, in connection with St. Luke's Church,

was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 22nd, and, despite a showery afternoon, was a decided success. A very good display was made by the children of the Whakarewarewa Native School, who had the honor of winning the special prize for the champion daffodil. In the evening a brief entertainment programme was very well rendered by children of the Whakarewarewa School.

On the evening of Thursday, September 30th, the members of the parochial branch of the C.E.M.S., on the invitation of the Presbyterian Men's League, attended a meeting in St. John's Hall, where the subject of church union was discussed. The Rev. A.C. Randerson, minister of St. John's Church, presided, and a very interesting discussion took place, the speakers generally expressing the opinion that, though there were great difficulties in the way of reunion, good results would be achieved by members of the various churches uniting in work of a social character.

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Vicar: Rev. G. W. Davidson.

Elsthorpe.

A very handsome tablet in memory of those who were killed during the war was unveiled by the Vicar, the tablet being given by the Elsthorpe Patriotic League. A good number were present, and after the dedication the Rev. J. W. Robertson (Presbyterian) and Messrs M. Ryan and A. Gilmour gave short, pithy addresses. We are very thankful for this worthy gift in memory of our boys.

Elsthorpe folk also gave recently a splendid gift evening and social in aid of St. Hilda's Home for Children, and as a result the manager of the effort, Mrs McAnlay, handed over £19 to the matron for her boot and shoe fund and over six pounds' worth of meat, vegetables, eggs, butter, jam, plants and sundries. Other parishes might follow suit and so keep down the expenses. St. Mary's Home, Napier, needs support as well.

We record the loss of a little bright son of our worthy secretary and lay-reader, who passed away after a nasty turn of whooping cough. Our sympathy goes out to the parents and brothers and sister. Another parishioner, Grandma Megson, has gone to her rest. She was one who tried to do her duty in loving her Saviour by obedience to His commands—for she was a regular communicant and a keen Gleaner who often prayed for missionaries and missionary work, and during her membership of the Gleaners' Union collected over £100 in her mission box. The Vicar made special mention of her in an address and in prayers at the following Sunday's Eucharist.