

Society, London, which is doing such splendid work with its 140 homes and over 5000 children now in them. It was an inspiring service. At the Three Hours' Service the church was almost full, many showing their gratitude and devotion by remaining right through. The offerings for St. Mary's Home amounted to £14 8s 4d.

On Easter Eve over 20 came for the decorations, much of which had been prepared on Good Friday. The church has never looked more beautiful.

On Easter Day there were 280 Communicants, which is 38 more than we have had on one day before. The Vicar was assisted by the Rev. F. W. Martin, who often helps.

On Low Sunday evening the Bishop preached to a large congregation, and announced the appointment of the Vicar to a canonry in the St. Columba stall, which has to do with the missionary work of the Diocese. He commended the parish for the splendid missionary spirit it had shown; £167 has been given to missions during the past year, and two carpenters had offered for missionary work.

The Boy Scouts went up the river for a short camp at Easter time.

Waipukurau.

Vicar: Rev. A. W. Stace.

Easter services at Waipukurau were well attended. A record number of Communicants were present at the celebrations and the services of the Festival were much helped by the choir under the able leadership of Mrs Basham. As a general wish was expressed to have an Easter Service at the Sanatorium Colonel Short very kindly motored the Vicar to and from the institution, thus enabling the patients to participate in the sacred commemoration of the day. A bright and helpful service was held also on Easter afternoon at Hatuma.

On the following Sunday Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held at St. Mary's. Canon Butterfield, of Waipawa, exchanged with the Vicar for the evening, and preached an appropriate sermon.

A Gift Afternoon in connection with St. Mary's Home was held at the Vicarage towards the end of March. The Waipukurau Town Band kindly gave their services. The Ladies' Guild took charge of the afternoon tea. Deaconess Esther Brand, who was present, gave a most helpful address and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. The effort was a great success in every way.

On Sunday, April 17th, a Children's Apple Service was held. St. Mary's being well filled with young people. The apples offered numbered

228 and were later on distributed among the patients at the Sanatorium, where they were much appreciated.

Our Sunday School scholars this year divided their Lenten self-denial offerings equally between St. Hilda's Home at Otane and the New Zealand Board of Missions, £1 to each. Well done, boys and girls.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

St. Matthew's, Hastings.

Vicar: Rev. R. T. Hall.

Assistant Curate: Rev. O. Gibson.

The Three Hours' Service on Good Friday was taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Simkin, who gave most thoughtful and helpful addresses. In the evening the choir rendered the cantata "Olivet to Calvary." The Mothers' Union met on April 5th and made arrangements for helping the Church Furnishing Fund. It has been decided that the G.F.S. shall meet on Thursdays as last year. A number of new candidates have already come forward, but so far no one has accepted the vacant secretaryship. The annual meeting of the C.E.M.S. was held on April 13th. A new committee was appointed, and the prospects and difficulties of the ensuing year were discussed. All are keen and we hope for much progress. Mr R. S. Brittain has been elected secretary in succession to Mr F. L. Tucker, and a vote of thanks was passed to the latter for his long term of service. The Sunday School teachers are meeting as usual every Tuesday. The Mission Box collection for the last six months amounts to approximately £80, which is an increase on any previous collection.

There is a story of Mr Spurgeon which, if it is true, serves to show that at least one of our famous preachers by no means resented his published sermons being preached without acknowledgment. Spurgeon was once staying at a little seaside town, and, on Sunday, visited the local Baptist chapel. He was much moved by the eloquent discourse he heard there, and, after the service was over, hurried into the little vestry and grasped the preacher's hand. "My dear sir," he exclaimed, "thank you for that splendid sermon, it has done me a world of good." The minister modestly expressed his satisfaction, and kindly inquired the name of his admirer. "I'm Charles Haddon Spurgeon," was the answer. "But, brother," gasped the astonished minister, "it was one of your sermons I preached." "I know, I know, but what does it matter? It's done me a world of good!"

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News and Notes.

Owing to the large amount of Diocesan matter sent to us this month we are compelled to omit several articles of interest which are already in type and will be published in our next issue.

Information Wanted: Can any reader inform the Rev. O. Gibson, Hastings, who is the New Zealand agent for "The Schoolboys' Scripture Union"?

Vicars can help St. Hilda's Home by distributing to children copies of a letter written by the matron. Copies are obtainable gratis, post free, from the Editor of the "Gazette."

When in England the Bishop was presented by the Church Army with a set of brass altar ornaments that were used in France during the war. They have been placed in the side chapel of the Cathedral. The Rev. F. W. Whibley has also been presented with a similar set for use in his parish.

At the monthly meeting of St. Mary's House Committee on April 9th, after the business was concluded the Dean, who was in the chair, said that he wished to convey to Deaconess Esther, on behalf of the committee, their warm appreciation of her devoted and self-sacrificing work as superintendent of St. Mary's Home from its inception, nearly seven years ago. He then presented her with a beautiful little water color picture, painted by Mrs Harvey, as a small token of the committee's regard for her.

God expects our best work; if it be only dusting a room, He expects that it be done thoroughly. God's eye sees our work whether it is thorough, whether it is the best we can give in small things or in great.—Bishop Gore.