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St. Mary's Home.

Deaconess Esther Brand is beginning work in St. Matthew's Parish, Hastings, preparatory to starting a Deaconess House there.

The Bishop has appointed Nurse Carter to be in charge of St. Mary's Home, Napier.

Hitherto the objects of that Home have been twofold:—

1. To shelter and train girls who have had a first fall and to enable them to make a fresh start.

2. To train women as Church workers.

In future St. Mary's will be devoted to the first object only. The training of women for parochial or missionary work will be carried on in the Home which it is hoped will be established in Hastings without long delay.

For the present the Deaconess' address will be 528 Queen Street W., Hastings.

Parochial Notes.

Te Karaka.

Vicar: Rev. H. Collier.

(Notes written by late Vicar).

The closing weeks of one's ministry in this parochial district have been undoubtedly the best weeks of the three years we have spent here.

Nothing could exceed the kindness of everyone to us all. The Rev. G. D. Wilson and Mrs Wilson desire to express their deep gratitude to all their friends for their kindnesses, too many and too personal, in many cases, to be detailed.

The Holy Week services were not well attended, just a few faithful souls every day, but we are thankful to say the attendance at the Good Friday services was much better than we have ever known it before. The Easter services were splendid, very nearly as good as we could wish them to be, though there were some we missed. The three celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.30, 8.30, and 10.30 were well attended, the earlier services especially. The number of Communicants has, so far as the parish records show, only once been exceeded. At Evensong on Easter Day St. John's Church was crowded. We thank God for those services. On the first Sunday after Easter too, the last Sunday we spent in Te Karaka, the services were such as to delight any man's heart. The Vicar was very deeply touched by the many unaffected tributes he has received of the people's affection and esteem.

The farewell social on July 31st was generally admitted to be one of the best socials ever held in Te Karaka—to our thinking nothing could have been more enjoyable. The Rev. G. D. and Mrs Wilson, and Miss E. Wilson, desire to thank all those who gave them such beautiful, useful and costly presents. We leave Te Karaka with the happiest recollections of our last few weeks.

The Vicar desires to thank all those who have helped in the church work during the past three years, and especially Miss Seamons, the organist at St. John's Church, and Miss V. Stevenson, and Miss H. Pickett, Sunday School teachers, for their most regular and devoted work.

We sincerely wish the Rev. H. Collier many years of joyful work in Te Karaka.

Rotorua.

Vicar: Ven. Archdeacon F. W. Chatterton, B.D.

The Good Friday services in St. Luke's Church were all conducted by the Vicar and were well attended. The collections produced a very satisfactory sum for the Jerusalem and the East Mission. The church was decorated with exceptional taste for the Easter Festival and all the services were well attended, at Mattins and Evensong the building being crowded. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. and after Mattins. The number of communicants was very large. The Vicar was assisted in the services by the Rev. P. T. Mignot, a visitor from the Channel Islands.

The monthly meeting of the Rotorua branch of the Church of England Men's Society was held in St. Luke's Parish Hall on Monday, April 4th, the Vicar presiding. An interesting discussion took place on the question, "Is the anti-Asiatic feeling in Australasia justifiable?" The general opinion of members was that the feeling in question is justifiable in so far as it is directed towards the prevention of Australasia being overwhelmed by an Asiatic invasion, whether by "peaceful penetration" or other means.

Much satisfaction is expressed at the appointment of the Vicar to the Archdeaconry of Tauranga, though it is felt that the office entails an addition to his work, already quite heavy enough, especially since the parish has been without the services of a curate.

Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne.

Vicar: Rev. H. Packe, M.A.

Assistant Priest: Rev. T. A. Cato.

The Penitential season of Lent has passed. The Daily Eucharist was poorly attended throughout,

which was disappointing. Special Lenten addresses were given by the Vicar on Sunday evenings, which were listened to with intense interest, and many remarked on their helpfulness. The Stations of the Cross were said on three nights in Holy Week. On two other evenings, the cantatas, "Penitence, Pardon and Peace" and the "Crucifixion" were rendered by the choir in a most devotional manner. About 60 members of Holy Trinity Girls' Club attended at the first-mentioned cantata. The Three Hours' Service was taken again this year by the Rev. W. T. Drake. His very earnest address on "The Seven Sayings from the Cross" will be long remembered by those privileged to be present. The four churches in the parish were decorated on Easter Eve. On Easter Day three celebrations were held in the Parish Church, and one at each of the three suburban churches, and there was also a celebration at Cook County Hospital. There were a good number of communicants for the day. A special Children's Easter Service was held in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. and was well attended, the Rev. W. T. Drake being the preacher. The Lenten offerings this year went to the starving children of London, and realised over £13. The Vicar wishes to thank parishioners for the liberal Easter offering. We congratulate our Vicar in being installed as a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. It is a great honor for him and the parish too. It is 20 years since the parish had this honor. A very enjoyable social for members of Holy Trinity Girls' Club was held recently, and the time passed happily with games, music and competitions, dancing, etc. The combined Sunday Schools of the parish held their annual picnic on April 2nd at the Park racecourse. The weather was perfect and the children enjoyed a happy outing. All kinds of sport were indulged in and the usual races were held in the afternoon, the children returning to town about 4.30 p.m. We are losing the Rev. and Mrs W. T. Drake at the end of this month (April). They will both be greatly missed in the parish, and especially in the work amongst the young people, to whom they had endeared themselves very much. More will be said of this next month.

St. Mark's, Clive.

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

The services throughout the day of Good Friday were very well attended. It was encouraging to find so many people able and willing to watch with the Dying Saviour during the service of three hours. In the evening the Story of the Cross was sung by the choir. Easter Day services were also