

come out top was not man's sin and folly, but God's unconquered and unconquerable love. "Christ was continually saying, Be of good cheer. We should say, Cheer up." But it would be useless for a man to say that unless he had known pain himself. Christ had known pain. They found Him right down in it all. Bishop Furse passed on to speak of the moral side, protesting vigorously against a moral life that was a system of "dons." In his own diocese he had been asked to license a little book of prayer for children in which the questions for self-examination were all "Have I done this, or that, wrong thing?" There was not a single positive thing in the whole of them. The result was, the impression on the sub-conscious mind of the child that the Christian religion was made up of "You must not do this or that, or if you do it will be the worse for you." It was awful. They had a false notion of prayer because it was based on a wrong notion of God. Christian prayer was co-operation with God. If he wanted a term to describe the devil he would call it fear. It made men horribly self-conscious, suspicious, crafty. He believed that that was the trouble in the present social system. If they could get rid of the fear of Capitalism, the fear of Labor, the fear of Germany, and so on, he believed that they would get a social system that was worth living. They must get rid of the idea that they had to appease an angry God; and they must do away with the divorce of religion from life. The ordinary Englishman, the Bishop whimsically remarked, took a perfect delight in depression of a certain kind when he went to church. He loved to describe himself as a miserable sinner. But he was afraid of the confessional. Dr Furse earnestly pleaded that they would try to lift the whole idea of the confessional above the range of controversy. It was, he asserted, the most scientific and commonsense way of dealing with a man if his soul was to be healed. How could a doctor cure a man's body unless he knew what was the matter with him.—"Church Times."

Acknowledgments.

Gifts for St. Mary's Home, April:—Mutton: Rev. Davidson, Harvest Festival Ormondville and Makotuku; fruit and vegetables, Harvest Thanksgivings at Otane and Makotuku, Tangoio, Pukahu, Mr Turner Williams; sack of oats, Mrs Gurney, Waipukurau; children's wheelbarrow, Mrs Lascelles' grandchildren; old linen, Mrs F. E. Nelson, Mrs Ward, Mrs Sherratt. Makotuku also sent two pigs, 1 lamb and fowl.

Nurse Carter, superintendent of St. Mary's Home, Napier, wishes to thank all those friends who very generously responded to the appeal for blankets for the little ones in the Home. We now have sufficient.

Latest thanks, Mrs L. E. Ward, and "A Friend," Christchurch.

Diocesan Treasurer's Accounts.

Jerusalem and East Mission.—Waipiro Bay £2 3s, Tolaga Bay £3 2s 3d, Woodville £4 1s 10d, Cathedral £4 10s 3d, Takapau £4 8s, Puketapu £2 11s 6d.

Melanesian Mission.—Woodville £1, Rev. E. A. McCutcheon £1, Takapau £4 10s, Te Karaka Sunday School £1 9s 8d, Puketapu £3 1s 10d, Rev. Canon Williams £3, Miss L. Williams £2 2s, Mr E. Gordon Williams £1 1s, Miss E. Busby £3 3s, Miss Keith £1 1s, Mr A. M. Williams £2 2s.

N.Z. Board of Missions.—Woodville £3 8s 3d, St. Mary's Sunday School £1 13s 3d, Waipiro Sunday School £1 0s 5d, Tolaga Bay missionary boxes £3 17s, Havelock North £47 12s 1d.

St. Mary's Home.—Cathedral £4 10s 4d, Mrs Stuart (Havelock) £1, Te Karaka Sunday School £3 17s 9d, Cathedral offertory £8 3s 9d, Miss Hutchinson £2, Makotuku £1, Pukahu £1, Havelock (per Mrs Ruddock) £1, Cathedral 13s 6d.

St. Hilda's Home.—Taradale Harvest Festival £6 2s 7d, Dannevirke offertory £18 15s 10d, Mataman offertory 15s, Te Rehunga offertory £3 11s 2d.

"Waiapu Church Gazette."—Te Karaka £1 5s, Tolaga Bay £1 5s.

Church of England Waifs and Strays.—St. Augustine's 13s 10d.

GENERAL DIOCESAN FUND.

Total offertories and subscriptions for year ending 31st March, 1921:—

	£	s.	d.
Brotherhood District ...	4	18	0
Clive	3	16	0
Dannevirke	58	9	2
Gisborne	118	6	6
Hastings	239	9	2
Havelock North	100	15	7
Hikurangi Pastorate ...	10	0	0
Matawai	3	13	2
Moteco Pastorate	4	10	0
Napier—			
St. John's Cathedral ..	153	0	8
St. Andrew's	14	10	2
St. Augustine's	68	15	9
Opotiki	15	7	1
Ormondville	42	5	10
Otane	35	16	1
Patutahi	70	19	7
Porangahau	4	0	3
Puketapu	2	0	0
Rotorua	29	5	4

Takapau	31	8	0
Taradale	45	18	8
Taupo Mission District .	1	8	6
Tauranga	22	6	4
Te Kaha Pastorate	13	15	9
Te Karaka	26	12	10
Te Puke	6	14	5
Tokomaru Pastorate	1	4	2
Tolaga Bay	86	6	7
Turanga Pastorate	1	0	0
Waerenga-a-hika	23	8	3
Waipau Pastorate	20	0	0
Waipawa	43	18	11
Waipiro Bay	243	9	9
Waipukurau	17	10	10
Wairoa	5	19	5
Wairoa Mission (Maori) District	5	4	0
Whakatane	12	4	2
Woodville	62	16	7
Sundries	10	0	0

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Offertories and subscriptions to 12th May, 1921:—

	£	s.	d.
Dannevirke	23	2	0
Havelock North	3	0	0
Matawai	4	4	7
Napier—			
St. John's Cathedral ..	46	8	7
St. Andrew's	2	2	0
Opotiki	3	16	10
Ormondville	1	0	0
Patutahi	5	11	10
Porangahau	17	0	0
Puketapu	16	8	7
Takapau	2	4	3
Taradale	6	2	7
Te Karaka	4	17	6
Te Puke	7	9	9
Waerenga-a-hika	4	13	9
Waipawa	5	0	9

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Parochial Notes.

St. Matthew's, Hastings.

Vicar: Rev. R. T. Hall.

Assistant Curate: Rev. O. Gibson.

The Gleaners' Union met in April. Miss King's resignation of the secretaryship was accepted with regret, her duties being taken up by Miss Fulton.

The usual meeting of the Mothers' Union was held on May 3rd, Deaconess Esther giving a short address after the intercessions.

On Ascension Day celebrations of the H.C. were held at 7.30 and 10.30 a.m. In the evening there was Choral Evensong and address at 7.30.

The Hastings members of the C.E.M.S. attended a joint meeting of the local branches in Napier on May 6th, and benefited by a common inspiration and enthusiasm. The ordinary monthly meeting was held on