

May 11th, when Canon Maclean spoke on the "Ideals and Aims" of the C.E.M.S."

The Renewal Service on the Sunday after Ascension Day was an inspiring one, 17 men renewed then, and two more have done so since.

Deaconess Esther is giving several lectures on "Sunday School Work" to the teachers, and this should be of great practical help.

We are glad to have the Deaconess with us, and feel sure that she will be of great service to the parish.

### Rotorua.

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

The Bishop spent from Friday, April 22nd, till Monday, May 2nd, at Rotorua. He celebrated the Holy Communion and preached at the various churches in the parish on both Sundays. On Anzac Day he celebrated the Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church at 7 a.m. and later took part in the memorial service in the Government Gardens. He addressed a missionary meeting in the evening congratulating the parish on having given £100 to Missions during the last year. He specially referred to the value of Study Circles. On April 26th he confirmed eleven candidates at Mamaku, visited St. George's Hospital on the 27th, and confirmed 27 candidates at St. Luke's, Rotorua. On the 28th he attended a social gathering in St. Luke's Parish Hall and gave an address. He visited Ohinemutu and Whakarewarewa on Friday and Saturday. His Lordship took part in five services on Sunday, May 1st.

The annual meeting was held on May 11th. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £67 19s 9d. About £100 had been raised for missions. The Ladies' Guild had contributed £100 to the debt extinction fund, £60 to the vicarage painting fund, and £16 10s to the Board of Missions. The whole of the parish debt is now wiped out.

Special mention should be made of the method of circulating the "Gazette" and "Parish Magazine." In connection with the Ladies' Guild there is a "Mite Society Fund." The aim is to get every parishioner to join this and contribute one shilling per month. Those who do this are supplied with the magazine free. The magazine circulation is now 200 per month.

The Vicar appointed Mr J. Hallett Vicar's Churchwarden.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Parishioners' churchwarden, Mr J. Wrathall; vestry, Messrs E. Roe, W. W. P. Hall, F. H. Barnard, O. W. Exall, T. C. Hawkins, E. Young, G. French, W. A. Carter, L. W. Lewis and C. M. Davis; auditor, Mr J. W. Webber.

It was resolved that it be a recommendation to the vestry to consider the question of improving the Parish Hall.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and all church workers.

### Gisborne.

Vicar: Rev. Canon H. Packe, M.A.  
Assistant Priest: Rev. T. A. Cato.

A farewell was given to the Rev. W. T. and Mrs Drake at the end of April. Mr Drake was presented with a Kaiapoi woollen rug by Mr H. J. Clayton on behalf of the Mangapapa parishioners, and with an electroplated entree dish by Mr Gambrill on behalf of the Kaiti congregation. Appreciative and feeling reference was made to Mr Drake's efficient and loyal work by the Vicar and others. A presentation of a Teachers' Bible and Hymn Book was also made to Mr Drake by the teachers and children of Holy Trinity Sunday School.

The annual meeting was held on May 2nd. The report was considered highly satisfactory. The Vicar appointed Dr. J. W. Williams as Vicar's warden, Mr C. E. Armstrong was appointed parishioners' warden. A resolution was passed thanking Mr E. Plumer Mountfort for his excellent services as parishioners' warden for the past four years, during which time the parish debt had been reduced by £1800. It was also resolved to write to Mr Redward thanking him for his splendid and untiring services as treasurer during the year. The following were elected vestrymen:—Messrs Dobson, Gambrill, Cato, Hill, Renwick, Thomas, Withers, Redfern, Muir and Ellery; auditor, Mr V. Pyke.

We record, with disappointment, the giving up of the Bush Brotherhood house in Gisborne, which would have been a great power for good in the parish.

(Notes boiled down by the Editor).

### St. Augustine's, Napier.

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

The annual meeting was held on April 27th with over 10 present. The Vicar's report showed a healthy state of affairs. Congregations have increased, and there are a good many more regular communicants. Seldom are there less than 50 at the early celebration, and there are often over 100 on an ordinary Sunday. This is much healthier and shows a deeper devotion than crowds at Easter and Christmas and few in between.

The Sunday School has over 350 on the roll, and a faithful staff of 24. There are 30 district visitors who distribute 600 copies of the "Parish Magazine" every month into all the Church of England houses. The lady

worker, Miss M. B. Holmes, does faithful and solid work. The balance-sheet showed that the Parish was out of debt for the first time, with a credit balance of £21, and £1000 in hand for the new Memorial Pipe Organ expected in September. The amount of £167 had been given to Missions, St. Mary's Home and the Waifs and Strays Society. This is more than a quarter of all that has been raised.

The following officers were elected: Churchwardens, Messrs W. F. Lydford and J. O. J. Griffin; vestrymen, Messrs G. Des Forges, R. Marsack, H. Hare, T. Faulkner, S. Lydford, H. Newbegin, W. Kaye, G. Cooke, P. Macfarlane, T. Yanko. It was decided to work for a sale in August to raise £200 to paint the interior of the schoolroom, build a larger porch to the church, and repair the belfrey. Supper was handed round by the members of the Dorcas Society.

### Puketapu.

Vicar: Rev. W. T. Drake.

A beautiful little church, St. George's, built by Mr J. H. Coleman in memory of his only son, Lieutenant Herbert Naples Coleman (who was killed in action in France) was opened at Crownthorpe on April 10th. There was far from sufficient room in the building for the numbers who were present, including returned soldiers from far and near. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Cullwick, assisted by the Dean of Waiapu and the Rev. F. Telling-Simcox. The organist of the Cathedral and nine choristers rendered the music of the service, which was very beautiful. The chapel is one of the finest for its size in New Zealand and reflects the greatest credit on all connected with the building of it.

### Ormondville.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Whibley.

Our harvest thanksgiving services were rather late, the Vicar having been on sick leave at Rotorua. On his return one was held at Ormondville on April 17th and another at Makotuku on April 24th. The gifts of produce at both churches were given to St. Mary's Home. At Ormondville, Mr Dragger, having no vegetables good enough to send, gave quarter of a sheep. His gift was much appreciated at the Home, and 2 pigs and a lamb were also given from Makotuku in addition to splendid gifts of produce.

On Whit Sunday, at the Church of the Epiphany, a brass tablet was dedicated to the memory of an Ormondville soldier, James Henry Leslie Allen, who died in Featherston Camp during the epidemic. The Vicar read the impressive commemoration service authorised for the Diocese of Waiapu.