

should not leave his place till his next neighbor has received. The reason for attention to such details is obvious, and observance of them is necessary to avoid painful accidents. Every care must be taken not to distract the devotion of fellow communicants.

People who, through physical infirmity, are unable to kneel need not be distressed, they can receive while standing reverently.

When all have communicated the priest replaces the chalice on the altar and covers it with a veil.

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Parochial Notes.

Holy Trinity, Woodville.

Vicar: Rev. G. D. Wilson.

Holy Week has come and gone. The Holy Week services were very poorly attended. Good Friday services were quite well attended. The services were Children 9 a.m., the Three Hours noon to 3 p.m., and Evensong at the latter service. The choir sang the "Story of the Cross" beautifully, by that we mean with real "intention." There was no mistaking the tone of deepest devotion at all services. The Easter Day services were wonderful, and by far the most hopeful and glorious thing that has happened in this parish recently. There is no doubt that a deep spiritual movement is afoot in this parish—thank God for it.

There were three celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and Mattins and Holy Communion at 11 a.m. The total number of Communions made showed a very considerable increase on any previous Easter. What is really a surer test of vital religion in the parish is the fact that the total Com-

munions made during the year ending March 31st, 1922—notwithstanding the fact that in it was reckoned no Easter—exceeded the previous year's total by nearly 50 per cent.

The parish, thanks chiefly to the Ladies' Guild, has provided a gig and horse. Both are very suitable, as gigs go, for the work. The Vicar will now be able to visit regularly in the outlying parts of the parish.

The Vicar desires to thank the parishioners for their most generous and welcome Easter offerings.

Havelock North.

Vicar: Rev. Canon K. E. Maclean, B.A.

The parishioners' meeting this year had one unforeseen result, namely, that the Vicar announced that the reason no notes have appeared of late from this parish was that he did not consider it the Vicar's job to write such notes; he had more important matters to attend to. The meeting lavished a good deal of parish wit on the subject and finally induced two persons to become responsible for the writing of the notes month about. The present scribe consented to act only on the condition that he wrote exactly what he pleased even if no mention of the parish were made in the whole course of his remarks. It appears to him that as the stream is more important than the straws that float on the surface, so the spiritual flow of the parish life is more worthy of record than the temporary happenings in the parish. The writer's share of these notes, therefore, need not be expected to report any but matters which indicate the strength of that flow, if such there be.

At the end of the meeting the Vicar asked for suggestions as to the work of the parish and invited full discussion of any matters that anyone wished to bring up. As a result of this one member said that he had heard it remarked after the late combined Anzac service in Havelock, which was of a specially inspiring nature, that it was a pity such combined and open services could not be held more often for the benefit of the community at large. The Vicar was of opinion that such services would not be attended by those for whom they were intended, namely, the man in the street, unless they had the special appeal of the Anzac services. The idea during discussion gradually resolved itself into a suggestion that it might be possible to hold combined services in the Village Hall between ourselves and the other religious bodies represented here, and that this would help the growth of that real fellowship in the rank and file without which Reunion can never be more than a name. It was suggested that

good music would help the success of such services in bringing in outsiders. Later, following the Vicar's expressed wish that more parish socials should be held, the idea was put forward that we might hold combined socials, as well as combined services, from time to time, with the members of the other bodies, all helping in the good work of breaking down barriers and promoting fellowship between the various communions. It is to be hoped that these ideas will not be allowed to drop, but will be seriously considered with a view to carrying them out if it appears possible to do so.

Ormondville.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Whibley.

Our district Harvest Thanksgivings were good this year. There were large congregations, the churches were nicely decorated, and the gifts of vegetables, fruit, biscuits, groceries, etc., exceeded any previous year. All were sent to St. Mary's Home.

During the month a Sunday School has been commenced in the church rooms at Whetukura by Miss Mavis Ellingham and Miss Wood. The first day was made the occasion of a gathering of children, upwards of 50 attended and 50 adult teachers and scholars of the Ormondville Sunday School were motored over by several kind friends. On that day also there was a flower service and each child placed a buttonhole for a soldier in the Pukeora San on the alms dish and they were afterwards laid on the altar that had been used in Church Army huts in France. Makotuku led the way with the flower service at the 11 o'clock, Whetukura at 2.30 220 buttonholes were given and also enough cake for every soldier to have a share. The inmates of the San are 163. The secretary wrote on behalf of the soldiers and said how all appreciated these little tokens showing that they were not forgotten. 79 of the buttonholes contained forget-me-nots, one for each soldier. We hope to make this an annual flower service for Pukeora.

We had a light and happy Easter, the people shewed thankfulness for the Resurrection by their attendance at Divine service, and the hearty worship that ensued filled all with gladness and hope for the future.

On Monday May 7 at the Parish Church a Roll of Honor was unveiled bearing the inscription—"To the Glory of God, and in memory of Ormondville soldiers and nurses who were welcomed home after having done their duty to the Empire during the great war of 1914-18." After the prayer of dedication, the Vicar drew aside the Union Jack and the National Anthem was sung.