

widow and daughter, who survive him.

The Mothers' Union is supplying a long felt need in the parish. Twelve members were admitted by the Vicar at the last service. Dean Mayne gave a most helpful address to the mothers afterwards.

The annual meeting of parishioners was held on Wednesday evening, 17th May. The night was dark and threatening, notwithstanding which there was an excellent attendance of parishioners, whose manifest interest in the proceedings augurs well for the future welfare of the parish. It was found that "the slump" had affected the finances, the balance-sheet showing a debit of £33.

Some £15 of this amount, however, has come in since 31st March. The various elections resulted as follows:—Synodman, Mr Oliver McCutcheon (re-elected); minister's warden, Mr F. W. Wiseman; people's warden, Mr A. E. Turner Williams (re-elected); vestry, Messrs O. McCutcheon, G. Harpham, J. H. Langley, S. Harris, H. Harris, R. Saunders, Hay-Chapman, C. Brown, A. B. Davis, and E. P. Clarke; auditor, Mr H. Bull. Votes afterwards were passed to lay-readers Messrs R. Marsack, A. E. Turner-Williams, A. H. Burr, O. Hallett, H. J. Hull, F. Smith, H. J. Savory.

Mr A. E. Turner-Williams gave a most interesting account of the General Synod held in Auckland. Votes of thanks were passed to the auditor, Sunday school teachers, organists, choir, and the ladies. The Vicar thanked all faithful workers. A recitation, several musical items, and refreshments assisted towards a pleasant evening.

Would subscribers kindly note that subscriptions to "Church Gazette" for 1922 are still in several cases overdue?

St. Augustine's, Napier.

Vicar: Canon E. D. Rice.

There were 65 voters present at the annual meeting on May 3rd, and an enthusiastic meeting. The Vicar's report showed that never before have there been so many communicants coming regularly; the number of communions made during the last four years were 2538, 3419, 4194, 4729. The other congregations had also largely interested. There was a credit balance of £50, and £236 had been sent to Missions and other outside objects.

The Sunday School numbered 400 with 27 teachers, and there were nearly 70 in the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Classes. During the year there were 93 Baptisms, 61 Marriages and 27 Burials. The following officers were elected:—Vicar's warden, Mr J. O. J. Griffin;

people's warden, Mr W. F. Lydford; vestrymen, Messrs T. Faulkner, R. Marsack, T. Rouse, W. Kaye, G. Des Forges, G. Cooke, P. Macfarlane, R. Tinning, H. Newbigin, and S. Lydford; Synodmen, Messrs H. Savory and R. Thorp; auditor, Mr H. Bull. It was decided to set out at once to raise the balance required to build the new porch, stone fence and lych gate.

A ju-jitsu and boxing class has been started by Mr H. Bowen for the members of the Young Men's Bible Class.

The Sunday School concert and prize-giving was held on May 10th, and about 180 prizes were given, including 24 for most regular attendance at church on Sunday mornings.

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Vicar: Rev. A. F. Hall, M.A.

The annual meeting is once more a thing of the past. It took place on May 18th, and as far as statistics prove anything, we are progressing. All the offertories have increased, but of course the purchase and upkeep of a car has handicapped us from doing all we would wish. Mr Cooke and Mr Dalgety were elected Vicar's and people's warden, respectively, Mr G. A. Hathaway was elected Synodman, and the vestry now consists of Messrs Bridger, Davey, Statham, Stubbs, E. Parkinson, Siddall, Hathaway and Vickers.

The Vicar announced that Mr Statham had accepted the post of lay-reader in the place of Mr Pearson (resigned), and expressed his gratitude for all the help given him by the church workers during the past year.

By the time this account has been published, the Confirmation will be over and the social given to the Bishop but a memory. Parish events that occur late in the month are apt to miss publication for some weeks. More, therefore, will appear in our next notes.

The Cathedral.

Vicar: Very Rev. Dean Frank Mayne.

The annual meeting, held on May 17th, 1922, with the Vicar presiding, listened to his report with keen interest. Each person had the vestry's report in his hand, while the Vicar referred to some of its outstanding features.

Nine hundred and forty-seven pounds given to help objects outside the parish, affording a sure test of the spiritual life of the congregation, added to a record attendance of communicants at Easter.

The Ormond Memorial Chapel on Hospital Hill had fully justified its existence, evidently meeting a long felt want; as well for weekly communions as for a third flourishing Sunday school.

The Cathedral Protection Fund, for buying the section of land at the east end has now reached over £800, and has promises of a further £700, only leaving about £750 to attain its objective, the task of raising which has been assigned to a special committee, it is hoped within the present year.

The work of the organist (Mr P. Tombs) and the choir has resulted in great advancement in the rendering of the services, in particular on the Sunday evenings in Lent, and on Good Friday night in singing "Gaul's Passion Service," to a congregation filling the Cathedral.

The progress made in the various organisations—Doreas Society, Mothers' Union, G.F.S., was described, and especially the Sunday schools, (1) in the parish hall under Mr Starkey, (2) Memorial Chapel under Miss Lily Bull, and (3) Bluff Hill under Mr Pallot.

Bible teaching is going on well in the day schools, assisted by the clergy of all denominations, as in all the schools of the town.

Recognition of the valuable help given was made by several votes of thanks passed by the meeting with enthusiasm.

The report of the vestry showed a credit balance of £23, with a total of £2511.

The officers for the year:—Mr H. J. Bull, vicar's warden; parish warden, Mr R. W. Hansard; vestry, Messrs F. W. Williams, A. J. Dixon, W. L. Prime, A. G. Pallot, R. W. Dyer, J. B. Fielder, P. Ashcroft, Bolt, Hole, and R. E. H. Pilson (secretary); auditors, Messrs H. Bull and C. F. Hetley; Synodmen, Messrs H. J. Bull, Fielder, F. W. Williams and Pilson.

A feature of great interest was a retrospect by Mr Fielder of his 56 years' service as vestryman, supplemented by Mr F. W. Williams, going back to the inception of the diocese and of the parish.

Merriment was caused by an attempt to take advantage of the new Canon of Synod introducing women to vestries, Mrs Henley and Mrs Bull being nominated, both ladies energetically and characteristically declined office.

Business being ended a supper of dainty refreshments appeared, and some genial talk, and then a few elegancies of music were given to the enjoyment of the company.

Waipawa.

Vicar: M. W. Butterfield.

The Vicar heartily thanks the vestry for the new parish car.

At the annual meeting Mr John A. McLean was re-elected Synodman for three years; Mr L. Pratley was appointed Vicar's warden; Mr E.