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Diocese of Waiapu.

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Phones: Office, 877; House, 798.

The Bishop proposes to admit to the Order of Deacon, on Trinity Sunday, Mr William Graham Cameron, at present stipendiary lay reader in the parish of Rotorua. The ordination will take place in St. Luke's Church, Rotorua. The Bishop asks for special intercessions for Mr Graham during the Ember season.

The Bishop's Engagements.

- June 4th.—Opotiki.
- June 11th.—Taupo.
- June 18th.—Maori work, Hawke's Bay.
- June 25th.—Waipawa.
- July 2nd.—Otane.
- July 9th.—Waipukurau.
- July 16th.—Maori work, Hawke's Bay.
- July 23rd.—Woodville.
- July 30th.—Dannevirke.
- August 6th.—Takapau.
- August 13th.—Puketapu.
- August 20th.—Ormondville.
- August 27th.—Maori work, Hawke's Bay.
- September 3rd.—
- September 10th.—Synod Sunday.
- September 17th.—

- September 24th.—Maori work.
- October 1st.—Havelock and Hastings.
- October 8th.—Wairoa.
- October 15th.—Wairoa Country District.

Girls' Friendly Society.

A well attended meeting of the Council of the Girls' Friendly Society was held at the Lodge on April 8th, Mrs Sedgwick occupying the chair. Various correspondence was dealt with and a resolution passed requesting the Bishops of the General Synod to give due consideration to the letter from the Central Council in England regarding Central Rule 1.

An excellent report was read from the secretary (Miss M. White) of the house committee, proving affairs in a most satisfactory condition.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring secretary, Mrs J. Murdoch, and Mrs E. Cornford was elected to fill her place. June 22nd was arranged as the annual Day of Intercession—the offertory to go to Hastings Lodge Fund.

The secretary was instructed to prepare a letter to be signed by members, placing on record their appreciation of the great services rendered as Diocesan Secretary during the past 20 years by Mrs F. Stopford.

Clergy Retreat.

(Contributed).

The Retreat for the clergy of Hawke's Bay was held at Woodford House School from May 15th to 19th.

A retreat means getting away from the world, and turning the mind and affections towards God and heavenly things; silence is kept except during the seven services each day. Even during meals one of the number reads to the rest. No newspapers or letters are received. Addresses are given by the conductor; the rest of the time is given to prayer, meditation and devotional reading. It is not an easy time, if the members try to make the most of it.

This was a perfect retreat in perfect surroundings, and was very ably conducted by Canon Maclean, but there were only seven clergy present, which goes to show how few seem to realise the importance of that side of the work. The result is that the parishes must suffer. In some dioceses the Roman Church orders all its clergy into retreat once a year for a fortnight; the churches are closed for one Sunday. Surely this is right when we realise that the Church is not a business concern, but a spiritual society to bring men into the joy and spiritual life in Christ, through which alone they can conquer the world, the flesh and the devil. The clergy may make business successes of their parishes, but they cannot lead people higher in that spiritual life, until they have gone ahead themselves. In the busy life of a parish and of a vicarage, the spiritual life does not get a proper chance; hence the need of retreats.

Donations.

The matron of St. Hilda's Home, acknowledges with many thanks the following gifts:—Vegetables, Mr Moore, Mrs Boesey, Mr Alec Williams, Canon A. Williams, Mrs Hickey, Mrs Gilmour, Mr George Williams; harvest thanksgiving gifts, Holy Trinity Church and Sunday School (Woodville), Dannevirke (per Rev. Stephenson), Waipukurau (per Rev. Stace), St. Michael's (Mata-mau); cake and scrap book, Dannevirke (per Mrs Stephenson); meat, Major Warren, Mr George Williams, Mr Baker, Mrs Hickey; honey, Mrs McRae; clothing, Mrs F. Nelson, Mrs Signall; apples, Mrs Miller, Mr Green, Mrs James Tod, Mrs Gilmour; cot counterpanes, Mrs H. E. Tiffin; jam, Mrs H. E. Tiffin, Mrs Hogg; tomatoes, Mrs Gilmour; cakes, Waipawa party (per Mrs Hogg), Mr F. D. Waller; hats, Miss England.

The Superintendent of St. Mary's Home acknowledges the following gifts with many thanks:—Crockery, Mrs Henley, Mrs Sedgwick, A Friend (Christchurch); clothing, Mrs Frank Nelson; cake, Miss Hard, Mrs Hull;