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The Bishop's Engagements.

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.

Subscriptions & Donations.

The matron of St. Hilda's Home, Otane, acknowledges, with many thanks, the following gifts:—Jam, Mrs McLean, Mrs T. Hogg, Mrs Dysart; donations, Per H. E. Clegg (Picture Co.) £1, Otane Hockey Club 12s 6d, Atua Children's Self-denial offerings 13s (these donations have been spent on shoes); meat, Mr Geo. Williams, Mrs Dysart, Mr Baker, Mrs Warren; scrap-books, Miss Enid Cotterill; birthday tea, Mrs Eli Kit-tow; butter, Mr Geo. Williams; fruit, Mr W. T. Williams, Mr Green; clothing, Mrs Arthur Williams, Miss

Hedges, Mrs T. Thorp; pictures, Mr Geo. Williams; vegetables, Mr Barrie, Te Hauke Mission House Thanksgiv-ing, Mr Alec. Williams; cakes, Mrs James Tod, Mr F. D. Waller, Mrs Dysart, Mr Cain; books, Mr Phin; tin of biscuits, Mr Malenoir.

GENERAL DIOCESAN FUND.

Subscriptions and offertories received from 1st April to 31st May, 1922:—

Dannevirke	26	0	0
Gisborne	1	2	0
Hastings	122	7	1
Havelock	16	0	0
Napier—			
St. John's	48	13	9
St. Augustine's	19	8	4
Otane	12	0	0
Patutahi	2	4	6
Porangahau	1	4	6
Rotorua	17	12	0
Taradale	11	9	0
Tauranga	1	10	0
Te Karaka	7	10	9
Te Puke	10	0	0
Waipawa	10	0	0
Waipiro Bay	5	0	0
Wairoa	6	17	0
Whakatane	3	0	0
Maori subs., etc.	4	9	10
	£307	8	9

The above amount is made up as follows:—

General Diocesan Fund	138	4	0
Waiapu Maori Mission	57	10	8
St. Mary's Home	45	18	7
St. Hilda's Home	47	9	6
Sundries	18	0	0
	£307	8	9

Cathedral Chapter.

The Cathedral Chapter met on Thursday, June 22nd. The subject of the choice of sermons for lay-readers was discussed and passed over to Stall No. 2 (Canon Butterfield, Canon Williams, Archdeacon Williams and Mr J. B. Fielder) and the lay members of the Chapter for consideration and report.

The Budget of the Board of Mis-sions was presented, aggregating £14,-

400 required for the year. The Or-ganising Secretary, the Rev. Oliver Kimberley, has resigned.

Stall No. 4 (Canon Maclean, Canon Pahewa, Archdeacon Simkin and Mr G. C. Williams) was asked to make inquiries re the work and needs of the White Cross League.

The Bishop reported the appoint-ment by General Synod of Rev. H. G. Blackburn as Organising Secre-tary for reception of immigrants. Canon Rice was appointed local se-cretary. It was decided to advertise for an assistant mistress for St. Winifred's School, Gisborne.

A letter was read from the Public Trustee expressing his warm appro-val of the work done at St. Hilda's Home.

It was decided to place in St. Hil-da's a tablet in memory of Mrs Soley, through whose bequest it will be possible to wipe off a large por-tion of the debt on the building.

(Report greatly curtailed for lack of space).

St. Mary's Home.

Superintendent: Nurse E. A. Carter.

To the Friends of St. Mary's Home, Napier:

Dear Friends,—I wonder if any of you have any iron or wooden child-ren's cots to spare? We have been asked to help in the many cases of present distress, by taking in child-ren of sick mothers who have had to go to hospital. There was no one to care for the children and in some cases it meant the husband staying home from work to mind them, or locking them up alone in the house, whilst he went to work! We have taken in five of these children, but having already seven of our own, we have filled all the cots. One child had to sleep on a mattress on the floor for a few days. She has left, but we cannot help by taking in any more unless we have cots. We have plenty of bassinettes, but we need cots, a few blankets would be accept-able too, also pieces of mackintosh. I know you will help us.

Intercessions and Prayers.

Intercessions and Prayers authorised for use in the Diocese:—

Almighty God, who hast taught us in Thy Holy Word to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men:

We pray Thee for the Nations of the World; that the barriers of envy and ill-will may be broken down, and that every effort towards unity and peace may be blessed and prospered;

For the King; that his throne may be established in righteousness, and that he may rule in Thy faith and fear;

For the Prince of Wales, on his return journey.

For a peaceful settlement of the troubles in Ireland.

For the Bishops and Clergy of Thy Church (especially the Bishop and Clergy of this diocese); that girt about with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness, they may promote Thy glory and set forward the salvation of all men;

For parents and children; that purity and love may dwell in our homes, and that duty and affection may be the bonds of family life, and for God's blessing on the work of the Mothers' Union.

For the rich, that they may remember their stewardship; for the gifted, that they may employ their talents in Thy service; for all men, that Christ may be glorified in their lives.

That all Church people, during this time of financial stress, may give liberally of their substance, that the work of the Church be not hindered.

For our friends and loved ones, for those at home and those absent; that they and we, protected and purified by Thy grace on earth, may hereafter see Thy face together, and render unto Thee a more perfect service.

For Ernest Charles Richard Beale, priest, in his work at Matawai.

For Bertram Reginald Brierly, Deacon ordained in England for work in this Diocese.

For the Deaconess and the Candidates in training in the Deaconess Home at Hastings.

For the lady workers in the Maori Mission Houses in the Diocese.

For all Church workers.

For the Sunday Schools throughout the Diocese.

That men may be found to fill the vacant Maori cures in the Diocese.

For God's blessing on the Maori students at St. John's College.

For the Schools in this Diocese: Te Aute College, Hukarere School, Waerenga-a-hika School, Te Hauke, St. Luke's (Havelock), and St. Winifred's (Gisborne).

For St. Mary's Home and St. Hilda's Home.

For the Standing Committee, the Chapter, all Boards of Trustees in this Diocese, and all Committees.

For the N.Z. Board of Missions, especially that they may be guided to a right choice in the appointment of a General Organising Secretary.

For the New Zealand Anglican Bible Class Union.

That New Zealand may receive the message from China brought by the Rev. C. McDouall.

THANKSGIVING.

For the safe deliverance of the Bishop from perils during his recent journeys.

For the safe arrival in the Diocese of the Rev. Valentine Bianchi.

PRAYERS.

For Russia.

Almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast bidden us to ask of Thee our daily bread, have mercy upon the people of Russia in their hour of need, save them from the perils of famine and disease, and guide and bless all efforts to bring them help, through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Man, who art ever ready to succour them that are tempted: grant unto us, Thy servants, grace and constancy that we may fight fearlessly against the corruption that is in this world, and shield and rescue those that are in peril and sore beset. Rescue the fallen, O Lord, to themselves and to Thee: and in garments made white through Thy blood, bring us all to that Home, where the pure in heart shall see God. These things we ask of the love of the Father, and the power of the Holy Spirit in Thy Name, Who with them livest and reignest, one God for evermore. Amen.

For Mourners.

O Heavenly Father, whose Blessed Son Jesus Christ did weep at the grave of Lazarus: look, we beseech Thee, with compassion upon those who are now in sorrow and affliction; comfort them, O Lord, with Thy gracious consolations; make them to know that all things work together for good to them that love Thee; and grant them evermore sure trust and confidence in Thy fatherly care; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Family.

The following prayers are suggested for use at Family Prayer:—

Merciful Saviour, who didst love Martha and Mary and Lazarus, blessing their home with Thy sacred presence: Bless, we beseech Thee, our home that Thy love may rest upon us, and that Thy promised presence may be with us. May we all grow

in grace and in the knowledge of Thee, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Teach us to love one another as Thou didst give us commandment. Help us all to choose that better part which shall not be taken away from us. Hear us, O Jesu, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, One God, for evermore. Amen.

Almighty Father, who slumberest not nor sleepest: We humbly pray Thee to watch over us this night with the eyes of Thy mercy. Grant us quiet and refreshing sleep, such as may fit us for the duties of the morrow. Put far from us all worldly cares and earthly fears, and give us holy thoughts of Thee, that we may repose in peace, and, whether we wake or sleep, may live together with Him who died and was buried and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Absent Ones.

O God, Who art present in every place, look down with Thy mercy upon those whom we love, now absent from us; give Thine angels charge over them, and defend them from all dangers of body and soul; bring us together again, if it be Thy holy will; grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to Thee may draw nearer to one another, and in the end, united in Thy presence, may evermore rejoice together in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commendation.

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest, for it is Thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us this night, and for evermore. Amen.

Concluding Prayer.

Remember, O Lord, what Thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve, and, as Thou hast called us to Thy service, make us worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Correspondence.

"A Layman" writes recommending the study of Pastor Chiniquy on the subject of Roman retreats. We cannot open our correspondence columns to a discussion on the subject.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space we must ask some parochial correspondents to make their reports more concise and to omit unimportant details.

Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee met on Monday evening, June 19th, and discussed financial business. The session was continued during the whole of Tuesday and was resumed on Wednesday morning.

In view of the fact that the business of the Diocese is becoming too heavy for the irregular meetings, which can be called only whilst the Bishop is present in Napier, it was agreed that in future the committee meet regularly on the second Thursday in each month. If the Bishop cannot be present the minutes will be submitted to him by post for his approval before resolutions can be effective.

Mr Turner Williams was congratulated on the success of his year's work in the interests of the General Diocesan Fund.

The Bishop announced his desire to work Wairoa and the country district around it by establishing a Vicar and two colleagues at Wairoa. The Rev. J. A. Shardlow, a graduate of Keble College, Oxford, and lately Vicar of Hesse, near Leeds, will arrive soon from England to take charge of the district. He will be assisted by the Rev. Valentine Bianchi and the Rev. Bertram Brierley. Mr Bianchi has already arrived and for the present is assisting the Rev. E. C. R. Beale at Matawai. Mr Brierley is expected to arrive before the end of June.

The Standing Committee granted a loan of £100 to the Waipawa vestry to partly repay a mortgage on the old vicarage, on condition that, when the mortgage has been repaid, the property be vested in the Board of Diocesan Trustees.

It was decided to abolish parochial assessments. This will be good news to all parish vestries. A great deal of misunderstanding has always existed with regard to this "tax" on parishes. The expenses of the Diocesan Synod must be met and each parish should be responsible for its share, but, now that we have a General Diocesan Fund the diocese is able to relieve the parishes of the burden. It is to be hoped that vestries will duly appreciate this, and give all the help they can to Mr Turner Williams when he visits the parishes to organise the Fund. The grants in aid of districts were passed for the year—nearly every grant was reduced by £5 in pursuance of the policy that districts should ultimately become entirely self-supporting. The money thus saved is being applied to further extension in the forming of new districts.

The contributions to the Pension Fund have been assessed on the parishes instead of each paying £10

per year. The pensions of clergy will henceforth be £150 per year instead of £100. Some districts will pay a little more than hitherto but the abolition of the Diocesan Assessment will much more than compensate for the increased contribution required towards the Pension Fund.

The Standing Committee agreed to the merging of the Wairoa district and its country districts into one parish to be worked by three unmarried clergy. The boundaries of the new district and of other districts, not already defined, will be fixed at a future meeting.

The Rev. A. Gilbert Backhouse, B.A., of Jesus College, Oxford, will probably arrive shortly to take charge of a new district in the Bay of Plenty.

The Dean and the Rev. F. A. Bennett were appointed a sub-committee to arrange for a memorial tablet in the Cathedral in memory of the late Rev. Henare Wepiha.

It was reported that the late Mr Newman had left provision in his will for a legacy of £300 to St. Mary's Home, and a legacy of £250 to the General Diocesan Fund—subject to the life interest of Mr Newman's widow. The Committee expressed its thanks to the trustees.

It was decided to offer Bishops-court for sale, and that a new site be purchased on which to erect a more suitable residence.

An application was received from Wairoa for authority to sell certain sections. It was decided to apply to the Standing Committee of the province for power to act if necessary.

It was reported that Mr R. W. Reynolds, of Tolaga Bay, had offered a section of 1 rood 37 perches as a site for a church, on condition that the site should be kept for this purpose and never be sold. The gift was accepted with thanks.

The Standing Committee passed a resolution formally admitting its liability for the financial requirements of St. Winifred's School, Gisborne. All accounts in connection with the school will in future be submitted to the committee for approval.

It was reported that Mr Oliver McCutcheon, of Pakowhai, had given a section of half an acre at Greenmeadows as a site for a church, as a thankoffering for the safe return of his sons from the war. The gift was accepted with thanks and a small committee appointed to confer with Mr McCutcheon as to the site and extent of the section.

The Standing Committee agreed to certain proposals with regard to the building of a new church at Wai-pukirau.

Mr A. Turner Williams was appointed Synodsmen for the district of Te Puke, which had failed to elect a representative.

A great deal of time was spent in considering certain questions as to the liability of the Diocese towards the Mission Trust Board in regard to the Te Rau property, and an offer from a Gisborne client to lease a part of it. The Diocesan Secretary and Mr Turner Williams were appointed to interview the Mission Trust Board and place before them the position of the Diocese in the matter.

Messrs H. J. Bull and T. Halberd, the Very Rev. the Dean, Mr T. E. Crosse and Mr A. E. T. Williams were appointed to vacancies on the Te Aute Trust Board.

Archdeacon Williams, Mr Bernard Chambers and Mr F. W. Williams were appointed to the Bishopric Endowment Trust.

Archdeacon Williams, Mr T. Halberd and Mr E. H. Mann were appointed members of the Waerenga-a-hika Trust.

A great deal of routine business not of general interest was transacted.

Ordination.

On Trinity Sunday the Bishop of the Diocese held an ordination in St. Luke's Church, Rotorua, when Mr W. S. G. Cameron was ordained Deacon. It was the first time an ordination service had taken place in St. Luke's and the congregation was deeply interested in the event. The candidate was presented by Archdeacon F. W. Chatterton, who also preached a sermon. The Litany was read by the Rev. H. W. Klingender, Vicar of Whakatane, and the Rev. Paora Temuera acted as Bishop's chaplain and carried the pastoral staff. The whole congregation remained to the end of the service and a large number communicated. The service was very impressive, and many who had never taken part in an ordination service before, realised for the first time what ordination meant. While the Cathedral is no doubt the appropriate place for ordinations, there is much to be said for occasional exceptions to this rule. Mr Cameron received a title as curate to the Vicar of Rotorua. He has unfortunately been laid aside for the last three months in consequence of a serious accident to his knee, but is now slowly recovering.

The Rev. E. C. R. Beale was to have been ordained to the priesthood on the first Sunday after Trinity, but the vagaries of the Gisborne boat prevented his arriving in Napier till the following Tuesday. The ordination was therefore held in the Cathedral on Thursday, June 22nd, St. Alban's Day (new Calendar).

The candidate was presented by the Ven. Archdeacon Williams. The

Rev. Alfred Neild, M.A., preached a most impressive sermon on the Seven Churches of Asia and the judgment passed upon each by our Lord in Glory.

The Archdeacon of Waipua and the Dean, together with the Canons, joined the Bishop in the laying on of hands. The music of the Eucharist (Merbecke) was splendidly rendered by the Cathedral choir and the visiting clergy, of whom a large number were present.

The Cathedral choir are to be congratulated on their rendering of the plainsong, including the Veni Creator to its traditional melody.

Editorial Notices.

Please address all Editorial matter to The Editor, "Church Gazette," Box 29, Waipawa.

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Parochial Notes.

St. Matthew's, Hastings.

Vicar: Rev. R. T. Hall.

Assistant Curate: Rev. O. Gibson.

In May the lecture to the G.F.S. was given by the Rev. F. Bennett, who impressed upon the members the great duty of Service.

The Rev. C. McDouall paid a very successful visit to the parish in the last week of May. His sermon on the Sunday evening and address on the Tuesday were greatly appreciated, and should help the work in China considerably by the increased interest aroused.

The Gleaners' Union met as usual on May 25th. Mrs Jones, 211 Charles street, is now secretary.

Mrs Ruddock was kind enough to address the Mothers' Union on June 6th. Her visits are always welcome.

A meeting of the local branches of the C.E.M.S. was held on June 9th, when a general discussion on the work of the branches took place, following the reception of a report of the conference held at Auckland. It

was decided to arrange for a visit of the Rev. H. G. Blackburne, Vicar of Palmerston North, and vice-president of the Men's Society in New Zealand.

Wairoa, H.B.

Vicar: Rev. G. Nelham Watson.

The attendance at the annual meeting of parishioners was a good deal better than we have had for some years past. The wardens presented a satisfactory report and balance-sheet, both of which were adopted. The Vicar appointed Mr W. Taylor as his warden, Mr G. C. Fletcher was elected people's warden and Synodsmen, while the following were elected vestrymen:—Messrs W. Adsett, H. W. Brown, A. Deighton, J. Ellisdon, H. Prebble, J. Prebble and G. Nolan. A resolution was passed urging the incoming vestry to proceed with the erection of the new church this year if possible. The building fund for the new church stands at the satisfactory amount of £1340. After the business of the annual meeting, supper, provided by the wives of the vestry, was handed round, and songs were sung by Mrs Mines and Miss Bainbridge, and Messrs Adsett, Deighton and Fletcher, and a very happy social evening was spent.

The Mothers' Union held their annual meeting last month. After service in the church, where the Vicar gave an address, the members met in the Schoolroom and the president read her report on the year's work. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Watson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs Fletcher; and the following committee: Mrs Sargisson, Mrs Ayre, Mrs Deighton, Mrs Adsett, Mrs Mines. The first regular meeting was held on the first Tuesday of the month. After service in the church a very nice musical afternoon was held, which was enjoyed by all present.

Waipiro Bay.

Vicar: Rev. J. Pigott.

The annual meeting of the parishioners of the Waipiro Bay Parochial District was held in the Council Chambers, Waipiro Bay, on Tuesday, May 23rd, at 1.30 p.m., the Vicar presiding. The balance-sheet showed a total expenditure of £936 12s 2d, £465 9s 3d of which was paid over for special purposes. This the meeting considered very good, more especially as the Tuparoa Church Committee had paid over about £150 for special purposes which is not included in the above amount. The total receipts amounted to £949 0s 5d. It was decided to call tenders for the repair of the Vicarage as specified by Mr Brown. Mrs Mead

proposed and Mr A. B. Williams seconded that each sub-district be recommended to raise by special effort, funds to enable it to pay its quota to repair the Vicarage and to keep some money in reserve.—Carried. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Synodsmen, Mr W. Oates, senr.; Vicar's warden, Mr A. B. Williams; people's warden, Mr T. J. Williams; vestry, Messrs A. M. Beale (hon. treasurer), C. E. Nurse (auditor), J. S. C. Dalgairns, F. Thompson, H. H. Fairlie, K. S. Williams, J. Busby, H. L. Ellis (hon. secretary), Miss Davis and Mrs Mead.

The Cathedral.

Vicar: Very Rev. Dean Frank Mayne.

The Festivals of the Ascension and Whitsuntide were duly observed. On Ascension Day, at Evensong, "The Ascension" cantata, by C. W. Pearse, Mus. Doc. was rendered by the choir, assisted, in the several hymns interspersed in the Text, by a large congregation.

No. 3 of the Cantata music, set to John Keble's exquisite "Meditation on the Ascension," in his Christian year, was altogether a beautiful close to the round of Christian Festivals, of which this is the last verse:

Then shall we see Thee as Thou art,
For ever fixed in no unfruitful gaze,
But such as lifts the new created heart,

Age after age, in worthier love
and praise.

The C.M.S. missionary to China, Rev. Crichton McDouall, has visited Napier, giving vivid accounts of the work of the Mission, illustrated by his own slides, specially taken for the purpose; first to Hukarere School, and again in St. John's Parish Hall, on May 29th.

On Sunday, after the Ascension, Mr McDouall preached at Mattins at St. John's, giving a graphic description of the state of China today, of the remarkable and rapid changes the country is witnessing, and of the extreme importance of a faithful presentation of the Christian Faith as the only true and proper foundation for all advance and enlightenment. During his stay in Napier he was the guest of Mr R. D. D. McLean.

We are glad to see the Bishop safely back in Napier, and looking well after his long and strenuous time in Auckland and the East Coast.

The ordination to the office of priest of the Rev. E. C. R. Beale should have taken place on Sunday, and been recorded here, but the Gisborne boat could not make the passage. The ordination is deferred to Thursday, June 22nd, St. Alban's day (new Calendar).

Te Karaka.

Vicar: Rev. H. Collier.

The annual meeting of parishioners was held in the hall on Thursday evening, May 18th. The Vicar presided over a fair attendance. The balance-sheet disclosed a very satisfactory state of things, as the year which had commenced with a debit balance of £109 7s concluded with a nett credit balance (after allowing for outstanding liabilities) of £37. The Vicar appointed Mr T. H. Jackson as his warden and Mr L. H. Maclean as appointed people's warden, and the following vestrymen were appointed:—Messrs Burge, Bridge, Pickett, Bousfield, Williams, Dunshea, Dymock, and Appleton. Mr C. H. Bridge was elected Synodsmen and Mr Cartwright hon. auditor. Votes of thanks to all Church workers were carried in the usual way.

At the conclusion of the meeting a parishioners' social was held, when a bright and pleasant evening was spent and a dainty supper was provided by the ladies. During an interval the Vicar presented Miss Seamons with a silver-mounted dressing case as a token of the gratitude of the congregation of St. John's for her services as honorary organist for the past seven years. Mr Jackson and Mr Bousfield also spoke in appreciation of Miss Seamons' services and expressed regret at her resignation.

Waipawa.

Vicar: M. W. Butterfield.

We have to record with much regret the resignation of Miss Lee as regular organist at Waipawa. The Vicar has appointed Mr C. H. Naylor to take her place, but Miss Lee's services will be still be available when Mr Naylor is taking the service as lay-reader, and on special occasions. Miss Lee has for over three years been a most loyal and devoted worker in spite of much discouragement and it is solely as the result of her efforts that we now have a choir at St. Peter's larger than we have had for many years. Mr Thorne has retired from the position of choirmaster and Mr Naylor will act as both organist and choirmaster.

Opotiki.

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

It is rather hard to write a coherent account this month, for we have been so richly blessed that our hearts are full of joy and thankfulness. Our Confirmation was wonderful—250 people in a church that normally should hold 150—and nearly all of them our own folk. Forty-nine candidates were presented, and one could not but feel the outpouring of

the Holy Spirit. God was very near to us all. Then a few days afterwards we had a big social for the Bishop and Mrs Sedgwick, at which we all got to know him better socially. We also had a service and social at Waiotahi in the new hall there, and if it was climatically cold, it was spiritually and socially warm. We pray that those who were confirmed will grow into regular and faithful communicants, and that through them many more may be brought into closer touch with their Lord and Saviour. The Mothers' Union is slowly growing, and will, we hope, amalgamate with the Ladies' Guild and be a great power for good in the parish.

Otane.

Vicar: Rev. G. W. Davidson.

After four months' absence on sick leave the Vicar was warmly welcomed home at a social in the Town Hall. He is much cheered by the expressions of sympathy and goodwill. At the annual meeting of parishioners the balance-sheet showed that the finances had gone back about £50, chiefly owing to special expenditure of a non-recurring character. Subscriptions decreased £25, but the collections made up the deficiency. The offerings for Missions were greater than usual. The Vicar urged the adoption of a scheme for raising £500, to wipe off the bank overdraft, and provide something towards a much needed parish hall. The Vicar urgently requires a new car, the cost of upkeep of the old one being excessive. The Vicar has spent on the car, during the year, £86 10s, more than his allowance. Church officers elected:—Churchwardens, Mr G. C. Williams, Mr A. Clark; auditor, Mr R. H. White; vestry, Messrs R. H. White, G. Clark, V. Goodrick, W. Lisette, W. Malenoir, W. Spargo, S. Viles, Major Warren, Athol Williams, W. T. Williams.

The Vicar thanked Canon A. Williams and the Rev. H. Blathwayt for valuable help, also the lay-readers, Messrs A. M. Williams, G. C. Williams, W. Spargo and Major Warren.

Thanks were accorded to Canon A. Williams and the Rev. H. Blathwayt and to the lay-readers, Messrs A. M. Williams, G. C. Williams, Major Warren and W. Spargo for valuable help in conducting services; to the organists, Misses Clark, Mrs Warren, Miss Ada Williams, Miss Gilmour, Miss McAulay, and Mrs Lethbridge. Sunday School teachers, especially Miss McAulay. The Rev. C. Douall's visit had been much appreciated and resulted in a promise to support a Chinese lad through his college course—the Sunday Schools to collect the money, also from an anonymous donor of the expenses of a re-

cruit from New Zealand for the Chinese Mission Field.

Subscriptions for "Gazette" are due—prompt payment is requested.

St. Augustine's, Napier.

Vicar: Canon E. D. Rice.

The chief event of last month was the visit of the Rev. Crichton McDouall, of North China. He preached to a packed church on the Sunday after the Ascension, and the School-room was crowded for the meeting on the following Tuesday. He inspired everybody. The collection at the meeting amounted to £15.

On the following Sunday the collections for Melanesia amounted to over £18.

The Vicar was laid up for a fortnight last month, and we are very grateful to the Rev. T. Fisher for taking all the services one Sunday. The Bishop kindly preached on the following Sunday evening.

The Vicar's dancing class is going again this winter. On May 24th the Young Women's Bible Class, under Mrs Macfarlane, entertained the other Bible classes at a very jolly social evening.

On June 10th Miss M. Faulknor entertained the infant Sunday School for the afternoon, when their prizes were presented.

The Bishop confirmed six married adults on June 21st.

Patutahi.

Vicar: Rev. H. T. Rawnsley, Th.L.

The annual meeting of parishioners of St. George's Church, Patutahi, was held on Thursday evening, there being a fair attendance. The Vicar, the Rev. H. T. Rawnsley, presided, and expressed the thanks of the vestry to all the church workers, and for himself particularly thanked the settlers in the furthest portions of the parish for their unflinching hospitality on all occasions. He acknowledged gratefully the assistance of the Ven. Archdeacon Williams and the Rev. E. Ward whenever occasion arose. The past year had, he said, been one of quiet progress.

The balance-sheet revealed a very satisfactory financial position, in spite of the money stringency.

The Vicar appointed Mr R. K. Murphy his churchwarden, and Mr R. Sherratt was appointed people's warden, and also Synodsmen.

The election of the vestry resulted as follows: Messrs D. Wilmot, C. Bilham, O. Thody, H. Briant, J. J. East, and H. C. Hawke. Mr C. P. Davies was appointed auditor.

Special votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs R. Sherratt and Mr J. B. Broadhurst for their unflinching zeal in connection with the church

accounts and the services of the organist, Sunday school teachers, and all church workers were acknowledged gratefully.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss E. Herbert for her help in the Sunday school. It was decided to hold a social evening on June 2nd and the Annual Fete about the first week in December.

Gisborne.

Vicar: Rev. Canon H. Paëke, M.A.

Assistant Priest: Rev. T. A. Cato.

The annual meeting of Holy Trinity Ladies' Guild was held lately in the Parish Hall. The Vicar presided over a good attendance. The report and balance-sheet, showing a very creditable state of affairs, was adopted. It was decided to adhere to Friday afternoons for the sewing meetings. It was resolved to hold a winter sale in the second week in July. The election of officers then took place, the following being elected:—President, Miss A. Booth; vice-presidents, Mesdames H. Paëke, T. A. Crawford, McKinley, and Miss Brooke-Taylor; secretary, Mrs W. E. Goffe (re-elected). A special vote of thanks was passed to the retiring president, Mrs H. T. Jones, for her energetic work for the past few years in connection with the Guild. The Guild exists for the purpose of assisting financially with the parish work and Missions, and has done remarkable work in the past year. Fifty pounds was given to the Melanesian Mission, £5 to the Maori Mission, £50 to the Parish Church funds, and £10 to Rev. Long's links. Are there any ladies who would join this useful Guild? They would be gladly welcomed on a Friday afternoon. The Patronal Festival has passed with bright services, and good attendances, though the collections for paying off the parish debt were very disappointing. When will our people learn to give freely, because it is God's work? Will those who didn't give for this object on Trinity Sunday, kindly give to the Vicar, or churchwardens? We have been greatly pleased to see the increasing numbers at the Girls' Club Corporate Communion once a month. The Girls' Club held a most successful dance, for the members and their friends one night recently, about 300 being present. This is a very real way of drawing the boys and girls of the church together in healthy recreation, and surely through these pleasures we can draw them to love our Lord. We would like to see a great many more girls at the Girls' Bible Class in the church on Tuesdays, at 7.30 p.m. The instruction is given by the Vicar, and those who attend spend a very profitable half hour. A Bible Class for boys over

14, and young men is held on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in the school-room.

Taradale.

Vicar: Rev. Canon A. P. Clarke.

A Gift Afternoon was held at Pakowhai on 19th May. Rain somewhat spoilt the attendance, nevertheless those who were present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and were liberal in their gifts. A similar function took place in the Parish Hall, Taradale, at a later date, and was one of the most successful we ever had. Mrs Redgrave, and Miss Carter, of St. Mary's Home, most kindly journeyed from Napier, and gave great pleasure by helping to supply a liberal musical programme. These gift afternoons fulfil a twofold purpose, for parishioners and friends from other churches are brought together socially, and their gifts in suitable articles for the various stalls, and their donations in money assist greatly in making our annual missionary sale a success.

The parish has received a most valuable gift, in the shape of half an acre of land in a splendid position in Avenue road, from Mr Oliver McCutcheon. We are most grateful to him for his generosity, especially as the church population has so much increased in Greenmeadows that the necessity has arisen to supply services there as soon as it is possible to do so. Mr McCutcheon has been moved to make this gift out of gratitude to God for the safe return of three sons from the war. May this example be followed by fathers in other parts who have been similarly blessed.

In this parish the time is not very far hence when sites will be required at Pakowhai, Awatoto, Riverbend road, and the Greenmeadows hills.

Porangahau.

Vicar: Rev. D. B. Malcolm.

The annual meeting of St. Michael's parish was held on the 31st May. The Vicar read his report, making mention of the splendid work done during the year by the members of the Ladies' Guild and most beneficial to the district at large. The gross taking at their recent sale was £76.

The pupils in attendance at Sunday School, totalling 55, under the superintendency of Miss Sargisson, assisted by the Misses Forrest and Drower, the hearty thanks of the parish were accorded them.

Regular services had been held throughout the parish during the year, the offerings being slightly in excess of last year. The retiring vestrymen were re-elected en bloc.

The Vicar reported the sum of £11 in hand toward a Roll of Honor to be placed in the church.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped in any way during the year.

Havelock North.

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

Two events of supreme importance have taken place during the last month. The first was a visit from Mr Macdouall, a missionary from China, who came undoubtedly with a message from the Most High, emphasising for this age the command of the Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." He showed how the centre of world power, established at first around the Mediterranean, was moved next to the Atlantic, and was now established in the Pacific and how Christ must be proclaimed everywhere, not only for the sake of the non-Christian peoples, but for our own sake, for the sake of Christianity itself. To anyone who thinks and observes it must be evident that we are all only at the beginning of any real understanding of the Christ teaching, and we shall never understand it in its fulness until the gifts of all the nations are given to its interpretation. And among those gifts not the least would be the advanced civilisation of the Chinese, their intellectual power, and their high ideals of rank so much ahead of our own which are referred either to birth or to money.

The second event was the Undenominational Sunday School Teachers' Conference, held in the Presbyterian Church Hall. There were about one hundred teachers present—Church of England, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, who were "all of one mind and heart." Throughout the whole time there was an inspiring atmosphere of brotherhood and unity, the one desire of all being to learn from each other how best to sow the seed of the Christ Life in the child's receptive soul. This was clearly and beautifully expressed in one of the addresses. You can teach about Christ if you have good methods of teaching, but you can never help the child to live the Christ life unless you are living it yourself. Children have a marvellous gift of feeling the character of a teacher, and that makes a much stronger impression both on the child's heart and mind than what the teacher says.

Excellent addresses were also given on Bible teaching for older girls—on the principles of psychology—on the opening and closing exercises, and the wisdom of variety, as well as the atmosphere engendered by clean and beautiful surroundings. In

fact all the details of a Sunday School managed by a competent superintendent were treated from the point of view of the moral and spiritual training of the child.

Such meetings help to build up a spiritual unity of all Christian denominations, and as this feeling grows and prospers we shall be more willing to wait patiently for God's good time when we shall all be one in Him.

St. Mark's, Clive.

Vicar: Rev. R. F. Geddes, M.A.

Our annual meeting was held on June 2nd. We should have liked to have seen it better attended. We were fortunate in having the Archdeacon with us, and the benefit of his encouragement and advice for the coming year. His remarks were very sound and very much to the point. He referred particularly to the good work done by Mr T. Cushing as secretary and treasurer. It was most arduous, though very necessary work, involving a great deal of self-sacrifice. On behalf of the parish the Vicar thanked Mr J. L. McLean, who came over regularly once a month to conduct evening service, and so allow the Vicar to go to Clive Grange; the wardens and vestry, particularly Mr T. Cushing, people's warden; Mrs Wigg and her helpers in the Sunday School; Mrs Ross, who has taken over the training of the choir, and Miss Prewett, our organist; Miss Vesta Cushing, for her unsparing devotion to the interior of the church; and Mrs Wigg, for her care of the vestments and altar linen.

The following officers were appointed for the present year:—People's warden, Mr T. Cushing; vestry, Messrs W. Cushing, Lawton, L. Gordon, C. Baker, G. F. Roach, Welpley and Ross; Synod representative, Mr L. Gordon; auditor, Mr C. Ellison.

A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon was moved by Mr Roach.

Ceremonies.

The Eucharistic Blessing is pronounced by the Celebrant, who turns himself towards the people as he pronounces it, and, usually, raises his right hand. If a bishop is "present" (that is, of course, not as a member of the congregation but among the officiating clergy) the bishop pronounces the blessing. "Without contradiction the less is blessed of the better." A similar rule prevails with regard to the Absolution in the Eucharistic office. The Ceremony of Blessing is perhaps the most ancient in the world and belongs to all great religions.

The Sixth rubric at the end of the

Communion office directs, "If any of the bread and wine remain unconsecrated, the curate shall have it to his own use; but if any remain of that which was consecrated, it shall not be carried out of the church, but the priest and such other of the communicants as he shall then call unto him, shall, immediately after the Blessing, reverently eat and drink the same." The "curate" is, of course, the priest who has the cure of souls in the parish.

A sharp distinction is drawn between unconsecrated bread and wine and that which has been consecrated. In 1662, when this rubric was inserted, puritanism was rampant in the Church and priests were to be found who had so little sense of reverence, and so little belief in the Real Presence of our Lord in the Consecrated Gifts, that they deliberately consecrated more than was required and took home what remained after Communion, or even invited their friends to eat and drink it "in profane and common manner at the Lord's Table in the House of God." To prevent this sacrilege the priest is ordered to "reverently eat and drink the same" (calling upon communicants to assist him if necessary) before leaving the altar. Although the rubric is not aimed at the most ancient custom of reserving the Sacrament for sacred use (e.g., the communion of the sick) the strict observation of it makes reservation impossible. Many bishops, however, of the present day allow the setting apart of a certain portion to be carried to the sick either immediately after the service or within a reasonable time. Various restrictions are placed on this privilege in different dioceses. There is a strong movement in the Church for the restoration of the "Tabernacle" (a small cupboard over the altar) or the "Pyx" (a box hanging before the altar) in which the Reserved Sacrament may be kept, not merely for the purpose of communicating the sick, but in order that worshippers may be helped in their devotions by making them in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Anything that promotes devotion to our Blessed Lord, or strengthens our faith in His presence, is, for obvious reasons, to be encouraged, but it is difficult, if reservation in this way is allowed, to prevent the growth of practices such as the modern Roman rite of "Benediction," and the carrying of the Eucharist in procession. Although these would seem a natural corollary of reservation, yet their tendency is to overshadow the proper use of the "Blessed Sacrament" for the purpose of Communion, and to expose it to the risk of irreverence and sacrilege on the part of unbelievers. The question of reservation

and of the restrictions necessary with regard to it is receiving a great deal of discussion at the present time. In hospitals and in thickly populated slum parishes reservation seems an absolute necessity, if the sick and dying are to have the inestimable benefit of receiving the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Mood "to their great and endless comfort."

When a very large number of people are present, including some who intend to communicate and some who do not, it is extremely difficult for the celebrant to estimate the amount of bread and wine that it will be necessary to consecrate, and if any large quantity is left over after the Communion he must call in the assistance of other communicants. Communicants, especially those in the choir or in the front of the church, should always be ready to respond to the call of the celebrant if required.

When the consecrated species have been consumed the celebrant cleanses the Chalice and Paten by "making the ablutions" to ensure that nothing is left of the consecrated species. It is customary to sing a hymn or to say or sing the Nunc Dimittis before the priest leaves the altar. No one should leave the church till the celebrant and choir have returned to the vestry.

In these articles on Ceremonies which have been very irregular for lack of space, we have endeavored to explain all those about which our readers are likely to require information. We shall welcome questions on this or other subjects.

We propose in a succeeding issue to begin a series of articles on the use of music in Divine worship.

We take this opportunity of thanking several readers for letters of appreciation.

The "Failure" of Christianity.

We are constantly being told that Christianity is a failure. For example—because it has not made war impossible, because it has not abolished crime and brought about a moral millenium, because it has not solved social problems, abolished poverty and industrial warfare, dishonesty in business, and so on. Men like G. K. Chesterton and the new Bishop of Bloemfontein (Dr. Carey) besides other leaders of thought have tried recently to clarify our ideas on this subject.

Who are the people who charge Christianity with failure? Those whose ideas of Christianity are of the shallowest; those who have not really tried Christianity themselves; frequently they acknowledge themselves as outside Christianity, they

suppose that from the position of outsiders they are the best qualified to be critics, and with lofty superiority they condemn as a failure something whose objects they misunderstand, whose power they have never experienced and whose teaching they are unable to grasp. They say Christianity has failed because it has not become popular—because it does not adapt itself to the ideas and to the morals of the majority. But did the Founder of Christianity aim at making Christianity "popular"; was its doctrine intended to be a reflection of public opinion?

Is Christianity a failure?

Bishop Carey quotes General Smuts as having remarked to him: "The greatest things are always failures." That is to say they appeal only to a small proportion of mankind. From this point of view the greatest musicians are failures. What proportion of men appreciate the best music, the best art, the best poetry? Take a popular vote between a masterpiece of Beethoven and the latest ragtime ditty, what will be the result?

The right question to ask is not does Christianity appeal to the multitude, but does it achieve that which it sets out to do?

Now the commission given by Our Lord to his apostles was "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to (make disciples of) all nations." The Master warned them that they would be despised and rejected of men as He was Himself; That their message would be listened to only by the few. "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth to eternal life and few there be that find it." Even we ourselves are continually testing our work by its results, and are cast down because in spite of faithful labor so few are found who make Christ the centre of their lives.

Christians, certainly, have failed to fulfil the great commandment—the Gospel has not been preached to all nations, but Christianity has not failed where it has been preached and tried. Multitudes have refused it but no one who ever tried it has found it to fail him. So long as God does not compel man's free-will, or his intellect or his moral character, multitudes will reject the message and refuse to model their lives on Christ's teaching. The Christian Church fails only insofar as she neglects to teach and proclaim Christ, she does not fail because men reject Christ when he has been proclaimed. She fails if she presents a distorted Gospel, a mutilated Gospel,

if she does not provide the life-giving sacraments of which her Lord made her the steward. She fails when she waters down the truth to gain popularity, when she ceases to preach Christ Crucified and makes herself a mere social club. The measure of success is not popularity but faithfulness; not numbers but intensity. The general acceptance of true Christianity would certainly abolish war, greed, lust, crimes, poverty and all other things that make the realisation of man's brotherhood impossible, but as Chesterton reminds us, Christianity has not been generally accepted; it has not failed, because it has never been tried.

But if Christianity is to reform the world, it must be a complete Christianity. The moral teaching of Christ must be accepted whole, not modified to suit the depraved tastes and ideas of the multitude, and Christian morals must not be divorced from Christian faith and worship. The power of Christianity is the power of Christ. All the elaborate organisation of the Church, all her moral teaching is absolutely futile unless the living Christ is the centre of our love and worship. Only a church filled with the ever abiding and energising presence of the Holy Spirit can ever hope to reform the world, but even a church full of saints and full of the Holy Ghost would not succeed in converting the whole world to faith, or in abolishing the moral depravity that is the necessary result of man's free will. Let no one talk about the failure of Christianity till he knows what Christianity is, what are its aims. After all our Lord did not establish the Church which is His own Body in order to provide an object of criticism for the superior, but in order to provide an ark of refuge for the simple. There are far too many people both within and without the Church very willing to criticise but very loth to help. If the Church's methods can be improved, if she is lacking in zeal, if poor results of her work seem to be the fruit of her lethargy or lifelessness let our critics join up and remedy these things rather than sit on the fence and throw stones.

News and Notes.

The publication of the "Gazette" is somewhat delayed this month in order to include the report of important business done by the Standing Committee and Chapter. The Editor thinks that subscribers will willingly wait a few days for their "Gazette"

rather than miss the reports of meetings of great interest and importance.

The Bishop had some very perilous journeys on his recent four in the Bay of Plenty. He visited Motiti Island in a launch, but on his return to the mainland the bar at Maketu was found to be dangerous, and the launch had to return to Motiti Island. By this time the breakers at the Motiti landing place were too heavy to bring in the launch and the Bishop and the owner of the launch had to jump out of the dinghy into the breakers, and at considerable risk had to drag the dinghy ashore. The Bishop was forced to remain five days on Motiti Island and missed his appointments at Whakatane.

During his trip in the Bay of Plenty district the Bishop fell over a cliff thirty feet high. Fortunately he fell into soft mud at the foot of the cliff and was not injured.

The Rev. V. Bianchi, who has been appointed temporarily to assist at Matawai, is in deacon's orders and was recently a student at Burgh College, England.

The Dean of Christchurch, representing the clergy of that Diocese, has written to the Bishop inviting this diocese, in common with the other dioceses of the province, to contribute to the cost of a Primatial Cross, to be presented to the Primate, Archbishop Julius. The Cross will be an official gift to be used by the Primate and his successors. The Standing Committee agreed that a subscription list be opened in this diocese. The quality of the Cross will depend upon the amount of subscriptions received, and, as a permanent symbol to be used perhaps for many generations, it should be as good as we can make it. A minimum of forty pounds will be required as our share, but it is hoped to raise considerably more in order that the Cross may be worthy of the purpose for which it is to be used and of the Church of New Zealand. The materials, as far as possible, will be of New Zealand origin, and we hope the Cross will be designed and manufactured in New Zealand. The Very Rev. the Dean was appointed by Standing Committee to act as secretary and treasurer of the fund. He will gratefully acknowledge all contributions sent to him and will be glad of an early response.

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