

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.

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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).