

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.

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cruit from New Zealand for the Chinese Mission Field.

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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