

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 Un denominational 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