

Editorial Notices.

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

Literary Matter should reach the Editor on or before the 15th of the month. News Items, including Parish Notes, on or before the 18th of the month.

All Business Communications must be sent to the Diocesan Secretary. All communications regarding subscriptions to the "Church Gazette," and all notices of alteration in number of copies required should be sent to the Diocesan Secretary, Box 227, Napier.

Waiapu Church Gazette.

Tuesday, August 1st, 1922.

Parochial Notes.

Otane.

Vicar: Rev. G. W. Davidson.

Our Bishop's annual visit was short this year, but busy withal, a distance of over fifty miles and four good services, although the weather was wintry and wet. It was the Bishop's first visit to Omakere and he has promised a week night service and Confirmation in a few weeks' time. The Bishop and Vicar were most kindly motored about in his own cosy car as it is hardly fair to carry His Lordship in our old parish one.

The Rev. B. Brierley has joined the parish as assistant for a few weeks and he and the Vicar are having a busy time together. Mr Brierley has only just arrived from England, and is very much alive and keen for his work in the Dominion. On the day of the Bishop's visit the Vicar managed to squeeze in another eleven miles in his own car for the baptism of three Maori children at Te Aute.

Opotiki.

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

We are settling down to steady normal work again after the Confirmation, and have started a communicants' guild with 22 members. At Nukuhou N. the newly confirmed, with some 20 others, made their communion on July 9th, and we hope to have regular celebrations there in future.

The vestry are anxious to form small church committees in the country districts, so that the interests of the church may be attended to. We hope that this may come to pass.

The local "Parish Magazine" has started a new year, in an enlarged form, with double the circulation, and, we trust, double the amount of reading matter. It is distributed free to all church people and pays for itself by means of the advertisements.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs Waller and Miss Arthur, in the loss of their husband and father, respectively. May God comfort them, and teach them in His own way the joy of the Communion of Saints.

Te Aute College.

For two different reasons this is an important year in the history of Te Aute College. In the first place this is the jubile (one e, please, reverend editor) of the College, for the foundation by the Venerable Archdeacon Samuel Williams dates from the year 1872. Ever since, the education of young Maoris has been carried on there under the four principals, Messrs Reynolds, Thornton, McNickle, and the present head, Mr E. G. Loten. By far the longest tenure of the office was that of Mr Thornton. There is a very long list of old boys, and some of them are taking their part to-day in legislating both for Church in General Synod and for State in Parliament.

The second reason is that this year the long-desired and sorely needed new buildings are to be started. Ever since the fires of a few years ago teaching has been carried on under very serious difficulties, but now the laying of the foundation stone has been appointed by the Trustees for September 9th, and His Grace the Archbishop of New Zealand has promised to come for the occasion.

The detailed arrangements for the day have not yet been completed, but it is hoped to have a commemoration service as well as the ceremony of laying the stone. The present generation of boys hope to rise to the occasion by publishing a Te Aute College magazine towards the end of September. Besides a full account of the ceremonies of the 9th it is hoped that the magazine will contain many articles of interest from prominent old boys as well as present boys, including reminiscences of the school as it was in the early days. Those desirous of receiving a copy please send their names to the Editor of the Magazine, Te Aute College, Pukehou. The price will be 2s 6d, post free.

Gisborne.

Vicar: Rev. Canon H. Packe, M.A.

Assistant Priest: Rev. T. A. Cato.

Quite a gloom has been cast over the parish lately through the death of Miss May McKeague, one of the most promising of our young communicants. She had been a member

of Holy Trinity Girls' Club for seven years, and was on the executive committee for several years. Her loss is deeply felt by her fellow members. She has left behind her a very bright example and her influence for good will still live on. A number of the members attended her funeral, also members of Holy Trinity Young Men's Club and Girls' Emergency Club. The girls from the two girls' clubs lined the pathway to the hearse, the Young Men's Club being the pall bearers. The Vicar conducted the burial service most impressively. It was quite one of the largest funerals held here. We take this opportunity of conveying our deep and heartfelt sympathy to Mr and Mrs McKeague in the loss of their only daughter, and pray that they may receive Divine comfort.

A memorial service was held to Miss McKeague's memory and was well attended by the above-mentioned clubs and by friends of the deceased. Suitable hymns were sung. The Vicar gave a very comforting address to the members from "For so He giveth His beloved sleep," speaking of the lovable qualities of deceased, and of her high sense of duty to her church and home. Miss McKeague is the third member of the Girls' Club to pass away since its inception. She was also a prominent member of the Girls' Emergency Club. May she rest in peace, and may light eternal shine upon her.

The members of the Young Men's Club are doing good, useful work in levelling the Sunday School grounds and they already show a great improvement. These young men are to be commended for giving up their only half-holiday for this work.

P.S.—Would it not be a help to have a Query Corner in our "Gazette" to answer questions on any difficulties? The well known Church paper "The Sign" has a Query Corner, and it supplies a great want.

(We heartily concur in our correspondent's suggestion—which, however, we have ourselves made before but without response. Queries are welcome).

The Cathedral.

Vicar: Very Rev. Dean Mayne, M.A.

On July 6th the annual meetings of the Mothers' Union and the Girls' Friendly Society were held, each preceded by service in the Cathedral.

At the Mothers' Union meeting, in the afternoon, Deaconess Esther Brand gave an address on "Religious Teaching in the State Schools," a work in which she has done much service, and at the evening meeting of the G.F.S. the Deaconess also gave an address on "The Ideals of the Society."