

St. Augustine's, Napier.

Vicar: Canon E. D. Rice.

In order to raise funds to build a large porch to the church, and a stone fence to the church grounds, a Gift Sale is being arranged for the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, August 16th. There is £63 in hand, but a further £110 is required. If all will help, that amount will be easily reached. The stalls will be:—Plan and fauek work, jumble, produce, cakes, sweets, flowers, and refreshments. Gifts may be sent to the Vicarage any time.

The Mothers' Union has had very helpful addresses from Mrs J. H. G. Murdoch and Nurse Carter in June and July.

The Rev. F. B. Redgrave very kindly came and spoke to our G.F.S., but the attendance was small.

The Rev. R. B. S. Hammond, of Sydney, preached a very inspiring sermon at the Eucharist on July 16th.

A most successful men's social evening was organised by the C.E.M.S. on July 20th, when there was an excellent attendance, and a very interesting discussion on "Religious Difficulties."

We regret the loss of one of our most faithful choir members, Mr G. F. Allen, aged 85, who has gone to Masterton. He was librarian, and allowed nothing, except sickness, to interfere with his Sunday worship. The choir made him a presentation before he left.

Puketapu.

Vicar: Rev. W. T. Drake.

The annual meeting was held on July 12th, when the outgoing churchwardens and vestry were re-elected. Mr H. G. Ballantyne was elected Synodsmen.

The ladies of the parish, on the afternoon of the 12th of July, surprised the occupants of the Vicarage. An afternoon tea was arranged, and during the afternoon Mrs Joseph Bicknell, on behalf of the ladies, presented Mrs Drake with a handsome piece of Wedgwood china, and a very handsome book; Nevill Drake, as bell-ringer, was given a book, and Alda a pretty silk dress. Mrs Drake thanked the donors and pointed out how happy she was as organist and superintendent of the Sunday School.

Since our last notes appeared quite a lot has happened; a very successful sale of produce and an exhibition of cakes, flowers, spinning and weaving was held. The net proceeds amounted to £40 13s 4d.

On June 3rd, in conjunction with the Puketapu Sports Club, a further sum of £19 15s was netted.

The Bishop comes to us on August 13th, when he will visit Glenross 10.30, Sherenden 2.30 p.m., Puketapu with a Confirmation at 7 p.m.

St. Mark's, Clive.

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

We are more than pleased that the Bakers have decided to settle in the parish.

Mr Carl Baker has accepted the position of Vicar's churchwarden, which appointment was held over from the annual meeting.

On June 22nd Deaconess Esther came for the Mothers' Union, and stayed over for the Girls' Friendly Society meeting in the evening. On the following Sunday after Evensong the Misses Prewett, Hansen, and Taylor were admitted as Associates.

Miss Prewett has kindly undertaken the arduous duties of secretary.

St. Matthew's, Hastings.

Vicar: Rev. R. T. Hall.

Assistant Curate: Rev. O. Gibson.

The Rev. H. B. Blackburne, Vicar of Palmerston North and vice-president of the C.E.M.S. in New Zealand, addressed a meeting of men on the 28th June. The subject was "The Objective of the C.E.M.S.," and Mr Blackburne's words were an inspiration to all present. He made us realise what a great work there is for the Men's Society to do. A social rally for men is being arranged for August.

The Gleaners' Union met as usual in June, when an interesting Study Circle took place.

On Sunday, 2nd July, Mr A. E. Turner Williams, organising secretary of the General Diocesan Fund, preached at the morning service, and the Ven. Archdeacon Simkin in the evening.

The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union was held on the 4th July, with a good attendance of members.

Miss Barr, principal of Iona College, very kindly gave an address to the G.F.S. in July. Her subject was, "Thoughts are Things," and she showed very ably the importance of thinking along good and pure lines, our actions, naturally corresponding with our thoughts. The atmosphere of influence which we all have around us, be it good or evil, is the result, to a large extent, of our thinking. There is a great need for us, individually and corporately, to think thoughts not of failure, but of success.

It has been decided to forward annually to the S.P.G. work in North China, on behalf of which the Rev. C. McDouall was recently appealing, the sum of £20 to £25. This is in addition to all other offerings, and will come from the Sunday School and Bible Classes.

The Sunday School teachers have donated the sum of £5 (from the proceeds of the last children's concert) to St. Hilda's Home at Otanō.

Waipawa.

Vicar: M. W. Butterfield.

The Bishop visited the parish on Sunday, June 25th. He celebrated at Waipawa and preached at Onga Onga and Tamumu. In the evening he confirmed seventeen candidates at St. Peter's, Waipawa. On Monday evening there was a special meeting of the Girls' Club. After a short service in the church, at which the Bishop gave an address, the girls assembled at the Vicarage and spent the rest of the evening in music and games. The Vicar suggested that the Bishop should be admitted as an honorary member and, his suggestion being heartily endorsed by the girls, he presented him with a club badge. In replying His Lordship expressed his pleasure at meeting such an enthusiastic body of girls connected with the work of the parish and his high appreciation of the good work done by the vice-president, Miss Isabel Lee. Miss Lee expressed the pleasure of the girls at meeting the Bishop again and their thanks for the kindly interest he takes in the Girls' Club.

The chief event in July has been the parish social on July 14th, at which a presentation was made to our organist, Miss Lee. After a splendid programme, to which Mr E. H. Greenhow, of Napier, contributed some much appreciated items, the Vicar, on behalf of the congregation, presented Miss Lee with several articles as mementos of her three years' service as voluntary organist. He commended her splendid devotion to her duties, her loyalty and the excellent spirit in which she had devoted her talents to God's service. She had accepted the office of organist as an opportunity of serving the Church and she had resigned it, in true Christian humility, to take a less prominent position as a member of the choir, merely because another had been found who, she thought, was more capable than herself. Such a fine Christian spirit had earned the admiration not only of the Vicar and congregation, but also of the Bishop, who had sent a special message expressing his appreciation of Miss Lee's work and his regret at being unable to be present. The presentation consisted of a solid leather suit case, a suede leather handbag, and a set of toilet articles. Miss Lee's influence among young girls and as vice-president of the Girls' Club is a wonderful force in the parish and she has earned the love and respect of all with whom, and for whom, she works. In accepting the presents Miss Lee made a very neat and delightful speech thanking the donors for the spirit in which they had offered them.

Mr C. H. Naylor commenced his