

duties as organist and choirmaster on July 1st.

Mrs. Sydney Mary Bowron, a devoted communicant, and most sincere Christian lady, passed away on Saturday, July 22nd, at the ripe age of 86. Mrs. Bowron has been suffering more or less from the infirmities of old age ever since she came to the parish with her daughter, Mrs R. Polhill, and has been prevented from regular attendance at services by the long distance which separates Mrs Polhill's house from the church, but her beautiful Christian character has been an example to us all. Mrs. Bowron took a lively interest in all good works and especially in missions. When the Vicar visited her the night before she passed to her reward she handed him a donation to the Melanesian Mission. May she enjoy in Paradise refreshment, light and peace in the presence of her Lord.

On Friday, July 21st, a memorial of the Great War (a tower and clock) was unveiled at Waipawa by His Excellency the Governor-General. The Bishop, at the request of the Mayor and councillors, dedicated the memorial. The weather was atrocious and we fear the Bishop's robes were soaked with rain.

Paradale.

Vicar: Rev. Canon A. P. Clarke.

Over twenty were present at the last Mothers' Union, both in the church and afterwards in the parish hall, when Mrs Eric Rice, of Napier, gave a very helpful address.

The annual missionary sale of work will be held on Wednesday, 6th September. Any gifts will be thankfully received at the Vicarage.

Some subscriptions for the "Gazette" (1922) are still overdue.

MARY HAY-CHAPMAN.

There pass sometimes over this short stage of our existence here choice spirits, which leave us, alas! we think, far too soon, but whose sweet fragrance remains ever with us. Such a one was Mary Hay-Chapman. She bore the same name as that Mary of old whose loving act of compassion in anointing our Saviour so comforted and rejoiced His heart as to lead Him to say that wherever the Gospel should be preached that sympathetic deed should be made known. St. John, the beloved disciple, most touchingly adds, "And the whole house was filled with the odor of the ointment."

It is not too much to say that this incident fittingly illustrates the sweet influence, wielded no doubt often quite unwittingly, of Mary Hay-Chapman. No one could be long in her company without feeling this, and will ever feel it, for "she being dead yet speaketh." Her's was a

very beautiful life, indeed her whole life was a benediction. The most devoted wife and mother it is possible to conceive, she was also a most affectionate, true, and loyal friend. Unselfish to a degree towards all, she was most charmingly tactful, and gained the highest respect of all with whom she came in contact. To the old people committed to her care she was more than words can express. She loved them, and they loved her. Never did she fail to find out their good points, and delighted to dwell upon them, and speak of them to others.

I know how earnestly, my friends, you prayed that she might be spared, but it was not God's will. He wanted her for Higher Service. He has, however, answered your prayers that she might have a happy issue out of all her afflictions, for we may surely without any doubt rejoice that she is now in joy and felicity amongst the blessed spirits of the just, and in the nearer presence of the Saviour she loved so well.

"Blessed, indeed, are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors."

It remains for us to pray that we may catch something of that spirit which characterised her, and to fervently entreat our Heavenly Father, that the lonely husband, and the dear son, and all to whom she was so precious may have grace given them to cast upon the Lord a burden which is too heavy for them to bear, realising that He careth for them.

Annual Report of St. Mary's Home.

For the first few months after our last Annual Report we did not receive many applications for cases, so that most of our work was that of training our babies.

As we now have twelve babies from 2 years to 2 months, much time and care has to be given to them, for it is in these first few years of their lives that so much depends upon the attention given them, and habits, good or bad, are formed, which in their later years prove helps or hindrances to forming their characters. The health of staff, girls and babies has been very good—we owe much to Dr. Harvey who pays periodical visits and gives us his help and advice.

We have again this year been able to help mothers in distress, who, having to go into hospital, have had nowhere to place their infants. This is not really our work and we have only been able to do it in urgent cases when we have had spare cots. At present all cots are full, and we still receive applications for vacancies every week.

We have again to thank our many friends who generously support us by their storeroom gifts, also the parish of Waipukurau, who had a storeroom gift afternoon for us and sent us three cases of groceries and a ham. Also they sent us for the nursery a beautifully upholstered child's chair, made by the giver himself. Ormondville sent us 17lbs. of butter, a great help when butter is dear and much used in the nursery.

Our country friends have sent us one lamb and three sheep and Ormondville has sent 16cwt. of produce, so no money has been spent on vegetables this year.

Once again our thanks to the Press for publishing our acknowledgments gratis.

We are pleased to say that Mr Ivan Logan, who, on going to the front, resigned from the position of honorary solicitor of St. Mary's Home, has now that he has returned from active service, consented to act again in that capacity. We thank Mr Gleeson who kindly gave us his services during Mr Logan's absence. We have received a valuable gift to our chapel from Mrs Kern, a large, beautifully bound copy of Hymns, Ancient and Modern, for use at our organ for daily Evensong.

We have many friends, church workers mostly, who value our little chapel and these come often to stay for a few days with us. We welcome all such friends and to them we owe much, because they in their turn make known our rescue work here.

Lastly we thank our assistant chaplain, Mr Fisher, for his loving and fatherly care for all in the home; he never spares himself, but is always ready and willing to help us in any way and often at very short notice. Besides his ordinary duties here, he comes, voluntarily, twice a week to take Evensong with us. We thank him.

Girls' Friendly Society.

The annual services in connection with the Annual Day of Intercession were held on Thursday, June 22nd, when there were celebrations of Holy Communion at the Cathedral at 7.15 and 11 a.m. and at St. Augustine's at 7 a.m.

The evening service held in the Cathedral was largely attended by members and friends. Speaking from the words of Acts 13-13, the Very Rev. Dean of Waiapu gave a beautiful address, taking the name Rhoda, the Greek name for Rose, as the symbol of English girlhood and showing how the lessons of purity, love and sympathy derived from this beautiful flower were applicable to the everyday life of the members.