

hospitality came faster than they could be written down. In the collection the people literally emptied their pockets. And the meetings in all the other centres of the Province will come up to this.

## Intercessions and Prayers.

Intercessions and Prayers authorised for use in the Diocese:—

Almighty God, who hast taught us in Thy Holy Word to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men:

We pray Thee for the Nations of the World; that the barriers of envy and ill-will may be broken down, and that every effort towards unity and peace may be blessed and prospered;

For the King; that his throne may be established in righteousness, and that he may rule in Thy faith and fear;

For a peaceful settlement of the troubles in Ireland.

For the Bishops and Clergy of Thy Church (especially the Bishop and Clergy of this diocese); that girt about with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness, they may promote Thy glory and set forward the salvation of all men;

For parents and children; that purity and love may dwell in our homes, and that duty and affection may be the bonds of family life, and for God's blessing on the work of the Mothers' Union.

For the rich, that they may remember their stewardship; for the gifted, that they may employ their talents in Thy service; for all men, that Christ may be glorified in their lives.

That all Church people, during this time of financial stress, may give liberally of their substance, that the work of the Church be not hindered.

For our friends and loved ones, for those at home and those absent; that they and we, protected and purified by Thy grace on earth, may hereafter see Thy face together, and render unto Thee a more perfect service.

For the Deaconess and the Candidates in training in the Deaconess Home at Hastings.

For the lady workers in the Maori Mission Houses in the Diocese.

For all Church workers.

For the Sunday Schools throughout the Diocese.

That men may be found to fill the vacant Maori cures in the Diocese.

For God's blessing on the Maori students at St. John's College.

For the Schools in this Diocese: Te Aute College, Hukarere School, Wae-ranga-a-hika School, Te Hauke, St. Luke's (Havelock), and St. Winifred's (Gisborne).

For Holy Trinity Girls' Club and Holy Trinity Young Men's Club, that they may be an influence for good in the parish of Gisborne.

For St. Mary's Home and St. Hilda's Home.

For the Standing Committee, the Chapter, all Boards of Trustees in this Diocese, and all Committees.

For the N.Z. Board of Missions, especially that they may be guided to a right choice in the appointment of a General Organising Secretary.

For the New Zealand Anglican Bible Class Union.

That New Zealand may receive the message from China brought by the Rev. C. McDouall.

## PRAYERS.

### For Russia.

Almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast bidden us to ask of Thee our daily bread, have mercy upon the people of Russia in their hour of need, save them from the perils of famine and disease, and guide and bless all efforts to bring them help, through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Man, who art ever ready to succour them that are tempted: grant unto us, Thy servants, grace and constancy that we may fight fearlessly against the corruption that is in this world, and shield and rescue those that are in peril and sore beset. Rescue the fallen, O Lord, to themselves and to Thee: and in garments made white through Thy blood, bring us all to that Home, where the pure in heart shall see God. These things we ask of the love of the Father, and the power of the Holy Spirit in Thy Name, Who with them livest and reignest, one God for evermore. Amen.

### For Mourners.

O Heavenly Father, whose Blessed Son Jesus Christ did weep at the grave of Lazarus: look, we beseech Thee, with compassion upon those who are now in sorrow and affliction; comfort them, O Lord, with Thy gracious consolations; make them to know that all things work together for good to them that love Thee; and grant them evermore sure trust and confidence in Thy fatherly care; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### For the Family.

The following prayers are suggested for use at Family Prayer:—

Merciful Saviour, who didst love Martha and Mary and Lazarus, blessing their home with Thy sacred presence: Bless, we beseech Thee, our home that Thy love may rest upon us, and that Thy promised presence may be with us. May we all grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thee, our Lord and Saviour Jesus

Christ. Teach us to love one another as Thou didst give us commandment. Help us all to choose that better part which shall not be taken away from us. Hear us, O Jesu, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, One God, for evermore. Amen.

Almighty Father, who slumberest not nor sleepest: We humbly pray Thee to watch over us this night with the eyes of Thy mercy. Grant us quiet and refreshing sleep, such as may fit us for the duties of the morrow. Put far from us all worldly cares and earthly fears, and give us holy thoughts of Thee, that we may repose in peace, and, whether we wake or sleep, may live together with Him who died and was buried and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### For Absent Ones.

O God, Who art present in every place, look down with Thy mercy upon those whom we love, now absent from us; give Thine angels charge over them, and defend them from all dangers of body and soul; bring us together again, if it be Thy holy will; grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to Thee may draw nearer to one another; and in the end, united in Thy presence, may evermore rejoice together in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Commendation.

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest, for it is Thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us this night, and for evermore. Amen.

### Concluding Prayer.

Remember, O Lord, what Thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve, and, as Thou hast called us to Thy service, make us worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Retreat for Clergy.

MARTON, SEPT. 11th-15th, AT  
NGA TAWA SCHOOL.

The Rangitikei Clerical Association propose holding a Retreat at Nga Tawa School, Marton, from Monday, September 11th, to Friday, September 15th, and extend an invitation to any