

## Parochial Notes.

### Gisborne.

Vicar: Rev. Canon H. Packe, M.A.  
Assistant Priest: Rev. T. A. Cato.

The Confirmation classes have begun in readiness for the Confirmation in November. The class for men and lads is at 10 a.m. Sundays, the class for women and girls being at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the church. A class for the High School girls will also be arranged to be held at the Girls' Hostel. If enough candidates come forward, classes will also be arranged at the three suburban churches. Will intending candidates please come forward without delay? The material for the Kindergarten Sunday School has arrived and soon the new system will be installed in the main Parish Sunday School. We will need more teachers for this special work. Who will volunteer? We will also welcome more children, ages from 4 to 8 years. The school syllabus is very bright and attractive. Owing to the kindness of the authorities of the City Hall, we have been able to secure this hall for the scholars of the upper division in the Sunday School. A combined social for members of both the Holy Trinity Young Men's and Girls' Clubs was held recently and a happy evening was spent. Miss Edith Hes, who has been a valued member of the Girls' Club for some years, was married on September 6th to Mr Leslie Bright. The service, which was conducted by the Vicar, was fully choral, the members of the Girls' Club, and male members of the choir, forming the choir. The church had been prettily decorated for the occasion by members of the Girls' Club. A Memorial Board for members of the Girls' Club has been ordered from the Art School in Christchurch. The board is of simple and handsome design, in fumed oak, the Club badge, and all lettering being in raised metal. The names will be on separate plates, also in raised work. We hope that our Bishop will be able to dedicate it when he visits the parish in November.

### St. Augustine's, Napier.

Vicar: Canon E. D. Rice.  
Assistant: Rev. B. R. Brierley.

A tender has been accepted for the new porch, and the stone fence for the church grounds will be proceeded with at once. We have the money in hand.

After being a most faithful and regular member of the choir for 15 years, Miss Hettie Robinson has left for England. The choir and congregation met her before she left and wished her God-speed, presenting her with a substantial purse of sovereigns.

We regret the loss from our Sunday School staff of Mr Brooker, who has been transferred to Wairoa, and Miss Packman, who has gone to Hawera.

The Health Inspector, Mr Gardiner, gave very interesting and helpful lectures to the G.F.S. and Mothers' Union last month.

### St. Matthew's, Hastings.

Vicar: Rev. R. T. Hall.  
Assistant Curate: Rev. O. Gibson.

The C.E.M.S. held their monthly meeting on September 6th, a good number of men being present. The subject for discussion was "Bible Difficulties," and a most interesting and helpful debate took place on various Biblical problems. Several more men were nominated for membership. At the next meeting the Prohibition question will be dealt with.

In September the address to the G.F.S. was given by Miss Holmes, who spoke on "Self-knowledge, Self-reverence, and Self-control."

The Mothers' Union held their meeting on September 5th at Parkvale. We hope that this will have helped to arouse interest in the society among mothers at that end of the parish.

On August 24th the Gleaners' Union held the usual meeting and Study Circle.

The new memorial reredos has arrived and will have been dedicated by the time these notes appear in print.

### Taradale.

Vicar: Rev. Canon A. P. Clarke.

Our annual Missionary Sale of Work was held on Wednesday, 6th September, and proved as usual a wonderful success. Considering the conditions prevailing at the present time it must be looked upon as most satisfactory that the receipts reached over £82. This sum has since been supplemented up to about £90 by sales of goods left over and by further donations. The expenses were very small owing to the voluntary efforts of the energetic secretary and her band of splendid workers, who strove together with the utmost harmony, and with great energy. It was gratifying to note that many of our young people gave their services with real goodwill.

Mr Ronald P. Kay, and Miss Ida Balfour, formerly parishioners here for many years, were joined together in holy matrimony since our last notes were written.

A very sad accident caused the death of Mr John Strachan, who did splendid service in the late war, and was very popular here. His funeral was largely attended. We also regret

to have to record the death of Mrs Brice, junr., who had been married but a short time. Much sympathy is felt for her young husband.

### The Cathedral.

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

In the Napier Cathedral on August 27th a memorial service for the late Mrs J. H. Coleman was largely attended. The lessons were Wisdom III, 1-9, and I. Corinthians xiii. Psalm 23 was sung and special prayers were used. At the close of the service Chopin's Funeral March was beautifully rendered by the organist, Mr Tombs.

The Dean preached from I. Cor. xiii, 13. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." After commenting on the significance of St. Paul's declaration, he said of the late Mrs Coleman that "she possessed to a marked degree this estimable gift, the gift of charity. Born and bred in the lap of luxury, possessing great wealth, endowed with many gifts, having all that this world can give, nothing weakened her sympathy for those less fortunately placed than herself or retarded her generous assistance to every claim of suffering or poverty that came to her notice. No one appealed to her in vain. To some of us, to me, alas, Napier will in a sense never be quite the same place it was, now she has gone. But let us not think of ourselves; let our sympathy go out to her bereaved husband and family, and let us pray that they and we, in God's good time, may see as she sees now—the King in His beauty and the land that is very far off."

### Rotorua.

Vicar: Ven. Archdeacon F. W. Chatterton, B.D.

The annual daffodil show in connection with St. Luke's Church was held in the parish hall on September 20th. Some fine daffodils were exhibited and Mr W. Willeox gave an address to the children on the history and cultivation of the daffodil. Mrs Halkett did admirable work as secretary and the takings amounted to £28.

### Ormondville.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Whibley.

On August 20th the Bishop of the Diocese conducted services in our district at Ormondville, Whetukura and Makotuku. The Church of the Epiphany, Ormondville, was not large enough to seat the number of people who came to the service of the "Laying on of hands." Twenty-six were confirmed, including two from Dannevirke. Kenneth Howard Bayliss,