

Parochial Notes.

St. Augustine's, Napier. (Vicar: Canon E. D. Rice. Assistant: Rev. B. R. Brierley).

The large new porch has been built at a cost of £125, and is a great improvement to the church. It was dedicated at the morning service of our dedication festival. Tenders have now been called for a new stone fence with iron gates. We had large congregations at our Dedication Festival on October 15th, when there were 180 communicants and the services were very hearty. The Rev. O. S. Gibson preached an inspiring sermon at the evening service. In connection with the Festival, there was a well attended parish social evening on the Monday, and tea and games for the Sunday School on the Tuesday. The Bishop confirmed 25 males and 22 females on October 25th. The choir gave an evening to Miss Sproat on October 10th, and presented her with a chair on the occasion of her marriage to Mr L. Rolls.

St. Mark's Clive. (Vicar: Rev. R. F. Geddes, M.A.)

A good deal of interest is being taken in the Sale of Work which is to be held on November 29th. The Grange is to have a stall to itself representing the trans-Tuki Tuki (lovely word!) district. We are having regular services at the Grange now. 1st Sunday, Evensong, 7 p.m.; 3rd Sunday, The Communion, 11 a.m. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent on the 12th, when the M.U. assembled at the Vicarage, which looked charming. We were very glad to welcome Mrs Sutton into the parish, who has lately come from England. We sympathise most sincerely with Mrs Ritchie in her accident, and pray for a speedy recovery.

Waipawa. (Rev. Canon Butterfield, B.D., Vicar).

The introduction of the authorised music (Merbecke) at our monthly Choral Eucharist has had a marked effect in making it much more worthy and dignified. We cannot manage all the service yet, but in the meantime a setting of the Gloria in Excelsis to the 8th Tone, 1st ending, is being used instead of Merbecke and is much brighter than plain monotone. A hymn is usual as a Gradual, The Benedictus and Agnus Dei are sung in their appointed places. We hope soon to be able to sing an introit psalm as ordered by the first prayer book. We are practising several of the hymns appointed for the Choral Festival in April, and some have been sung at Evensong. They are undoubtedly a great improvement on some of the old accustomed hymns and tunes. "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" has distinctly "caught on," the congregation began joining

in, at the third verse and most were singing lustily when we came to the last. On Monday evening (October 16th) the Girls' Club, through their vice-president, Miss Lee, presented Dr. Jessie Maddison with a set of linen handkerchiefs in recognition of her kindness in giving them lectures on Home Nursing. The lectures have been greatly appreciated.

Otane. (Vicar: Rev. G. W. Davidson).

We have lost by removal Mr and Mrs Armstrong, to whom we might well have given a good social send-off, but they preferred not. Letters received by the Vicar finds them very happy. We wish them God-speed. Mrs Armstrong was a devout and regular Communicant, also a member of the Mothers' Union. Mr Armstrong seldom missed Sunday Evensong. The attendance both at Otane and Elsthorpe has increased very much. Nothing cheers a Vicar up more than bright services, especially the Holy Communion. The Vestry, in spite of our overdraft, which is very big just now, has decided that the Vicarage outside woodwork shall be painted at once. There is a move being made to have a real effort after the holidays to raise at least £200 and a hearty response is being promised. Two gift efforts for the St. Hilda's Home have been made. The Elsthorpe under the enthusiastic management of Mrs Macaulay raised £10 in cash and over five pounds' worth of produce, whilst at Otane a few young men raised a sum of £4. A bigger result in each case is aimed at for next year. The call for volunteer Church workers is very poorly answered. At Otane we were fortunate to secure the services of Mr Selwyn White for the Sunday School in place of Miss Dorothy Walworth, who has gone back to her home in Palmerston. Will parishioners please note the intended bazaars, etc., to be held after Christmas and be ready to respond?

Rotorua. (Vicar: Ven. Archdeacon Chatterton, B.D.)

A meeting was held in St. Luke's Parish Hall on September 28th for the purpose of forming a Council of Christian Congregations similar to those formed in Auckland and Christchurch, and also in some towns in England. Archdeacon Chatterton presided, and there were also present the Presbyterian and Methodist ministers and Salvation Army captain as well as lay representatives from each denomination. After the chairman had explained the objects of the Council, which were to speak with united voice in the name of the Christian Church on questions affecting the moral and spiritual welfare of the community; a constitution was adopted by the meeting which provided that the Council consist of all the ministers willing to join and six lay

representatives from each congregation, the Maoris of Whaka and Ohinemutu counting as one congregation. An executive was appointed consisting of each minister and one lay member from each congregation. General meetings will be held about once a quarter and executive meetings as often as necessary. It is hoped that it will not only prove a step forward in the direction of Christian unity but that it will influence in a practical way, where necessary, the civic life of the town.

Opetiki. (Vicar: Rev. A. F. Hall, M.A.)

No notes from here have appeared for two months. The reason is that little of diocesan interest has happened, and the Synod report is printed elsewhere. The Nukuhou Church people got up a social, by which some £9 was raised. This brought many people together, and in a small outlying centre it is a necessity, if our religion is to affect our body, soul and spirit, for our social side to be developed. Anyhow, at Nukuhou both hosts and guests were happy, and we are grateful for the help given. The Sunday School children had their tea party on October 20th, and in games and songs passed a very happy time. The parish paper, with its circulation of 400 a month seems to be supplying a real need, as it keeps the country people in touch with the Church. There is always a column of missionary news as well as parochial information, and the paper serves as a medium of instruction as well. It is entirely paid for by advertisements, and therefore is distributed free, 185 copies going away from the township monthly. It has not been found possible to rive the G.F.S. at present for various reasons. In the meantime the Girls' Bible Class at the Vicarage is, we hope, doing useful work.

Cathedral Parish. (Vicar: The Very Rev. the Dean).

At the last meeting of the Mothers' Union two beautiful little water colors, appropriately framed, were presented by the Dean on behalf of the members of the Dorcas Society and Mothers' Union to Mrs H. Judd as a slight memento of her untiring and enthusiastic assistance to both societies when a member of the Cathedral Parish. Mrs Judd has gone to reside in the Waipukurau Parish. Our loss is indeed their gain. At Mattins on the Sunday after Trinity Mr C. H. Edwards unveiled a memorial window to the late Mrs Edwards, and the Dean dedicated the gift. The prophets Ezekiel and Daniel are depicted, and the window is a beautiful adornment to the Cathedral. The Dean spoke a few words of kindly memory, and then dedicated as follows:—"In the faith of Jesus Christ I dedicate this window to the Glory