

of God and in loving memory of Matilda Edwards, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." The 20th annual meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society was held on October 11th, the Dean presiding, supported by Mrs Sedgwick and Mrs Ruddock. Reports were read from seven branches, and the reformed St. Andrew's branch, Port Ahuriri. Many helpful addresses have been given at various branches, on Mission subjects in particular. The Hastings branch has £520 in hand for a hostel which it is keen to start. A very satisfactory report was presented from the Napier Lodge. It shows that the Lodge is most useful, and that the management of Miss Makeig is fully appreciated. The committee heartily thank all those friends who contributed to the support of the Napier Lodge, whether in money or in kind.

**Havelock North.** (Vicar: Rev. Canon K. E. Maclean, B.A.)

We had the pleasure of a visit from the Bishop in the beginning of the month for part of a week-end. The Vicar kindly invited the Vestry to meet him on Saturday evening, when we saw him from a new point of view, as an excellent teller of yarns. On the day following we listened to him as the preacher of an inspiring sermon which should help his hearers to seek earnestly to be not only Christians, but "fully" Christians. A few days afterwards the sensible people in the Parish came to the Sunday School concert, which was a marked success. There was no lack of variety, pianists, soloists, plays, Morris dances, action songs in full dress, whose charm was enhanced by the lack of self-consciousness on the part of the performers, and the simple and artistic character of the dresses. The preparation for such an evening is part of a good education, and one could not help noticing the improvement in the use of colours and style that has taken place during the last few years in dress, in the arrangement of the stage, and in the movements of singers and actors. Surely this increasing intuition of what is beautiful in color, sound and movement, is part of the religious education of mankind; for beauty is an expression of the Love of God for His children, as is shown in all nature, and it must give joy to the Lord Jesus Who loved the "little children" to find them—though it may be unconsciously—absorbing it into their being.

**St. Andrew's, Port Ahuriri.** (Vicar: Rev. E. Drake).

It is only out of a strong sense of duty that the Rev. F. B. Redgrave has consented to undertake the position of General Secretary to the N.Z. Anglican Board of Missions that the Archbishop in the name of the

Church of the Province has urged him to accept. It is with very real regret that Mrs Redgrave and he leave the Port after a residence of nearly 5 years, and they wish very heartily to thank all the parishioners in country and town for their many expressions of goodwill, especially those manifested during the past few weeks. The annual Sale held during the past month realised just about £100 clear profit. Two Confirmations were held during the past month, 23 being confirmed at St. Andrew's and 16 at Eskdale. At Eskdale one who had been confirmed in the Roman Church was solemnly received by the Bishop into our branch of the Catholic Church.

**Waipukurau.** (Vicar: Rev. A. W. Stace).

This parish has suffered a good deal from sickness during the past winter and early spring. In common with other places there have been several cases of pneumonia. Among those who have suffered from this was Mr Charles Scruby, who passed peacefully to his rest on Thursday, October 5th. The late Mr Scruby had attended St. Mary's Church twice every Sunday, almost without a break, for 33 years. He was a faithful and devoted Churchman, a great help to the Vicar in many ways, a good husband and a respected member of the community. To Mr Scruby the services of the Church were very real. These he found good for the journey of life, shelter, and lights along the road. A special memorial service was held on Sunday, October 8th, at St. Mary's, the Vicar taking as his text Rev. 14-13, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . for they rest from their labours." For Mrs Scruby the very deepest sympathy is felt. We all miss our dear brother, but we know that "He which hath begun a good work will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ."

**St. Matthew's, Hastings.** (Vicar: Rev. R. T. Hall. Assistant Curate: Rev. O. Gibson).

Patronal Festival services were held on St. Matthew's Day, September 21st, there being Choral Eucharist at 7 a.m., and sung Evensong at 7.30. The Festival was continued during the Octave, on the Sunday morning, at a very beautiful service, the Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst was the preacher and he also dedicated the new reredos erected in memory of the late Mr and Mrs Beamish. The parish is very fortunate to possess such a beautiful work of art as this reredos is. At Evensong the Ven. Archdeacon Simkin addressed a large congregation, another inspiring service being a fitting conclusion to a very happy day. At the meeting of the Gleaners' Union on September 28th it was decided to forward a

donation of £11 to the Rev. F. Long in China. Mrs Hunter Brown, of Wairoa, desires to thank the Gleaner who forwarded, anonymously, a box of dolls for the Missionary stall at a sale recently held. On Sunday, October 1st, we had the pleasure of a visit from our Bishop, who preached a very fine, inspiring sermon at Evensong. The Bishop also addressed a large gathering of children in the afternoon. The Mothers' Union held its usual meeting on October 3rd. There was a large attendance and all present enjoyed an excellent address by Mrs Rice on "The Rights of the Child." The monthly meeting of the C.E.M.S. was held on October 11th, when there was a good roll up of men, the chief subject of the evening being Prohibition, which produced a very interesting discussion. A Mother Goose Fair, organised by the Women's National Reserve and the G.F.S., in aid of the Girls' Hostel Fund, was held on October 14th. The effort was very successful, and is expected to clear nearly £120.

**Puketapu.** (Vicar: Vacant).

His Lordship the Bishop came to us on August 13th and it was a joy to all to have him. He travelled 80 miles with three services. There was a Confirmation at Puketapu, when the following were confirmed:—Keith Jones, Eric Tong, Albert Fearn, Myra Jones and Lucy Tong. We celebrated our Patronal Festival on October 1st, when we had the Ven. Archdeacon Simkin with us. The Vicar, having accepted the cure of St. Andrew's, Napier, will be leaving his old parish early in November. His stay in Puketapu has been short and extremely happy.

## Girls' Friendly Society.

The 20th annual meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society was held in St. John's Schoolroom on October 11th, there being a very fair attendance of members and of associates. The Very Rev. Dean Mayne presided and the following clergy were present:—Canon Rice, the Rev. T. Fisher and F. Redgrave, an apology for absence being received from His Lordship the Bishop of Waiapu. The annual Diocesan, the Lodge, and the Literature balance-sheets were read and adopted, also branch reports from St. John's Cathedral, St. Augustine's and St. Andrew's, Napier, Wairoa, Clive and Hastings, the chairman remarking all were very satisfactory. Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mrs Sedgwick; vice-presidents, Mesdames Stopford, Hansard, Mayne, Ruddock and H. Williams; secretary, and treasurer, Mrs E. Cornford; auditor, Mr Hansard; literature associate, Miss Mitford.