

Editorial Notices.

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Parochial Notes.

Rotorua. (Vicar: Ven. Archdeacon Chatterton, B.D. Assistant Curate: Rev. W. S. G. Cameron).

St. Luke's Church, Rotorua, has sustained a severe loss by the departure of Mrs D. Gardiner and her two daughters, Misses Ruth and Nellie Gardner, who have gone to Takapau. Mrs Gardner was a regular attendant at, and a generous supporter of, the church. Miss Ruth Gardner for thirteen years officiated as honorary organist and Miss Nellie Gardner did good work in the Sunday School and the choir. In order to bid them farewell and to express appreciation of their services they were entertained at a social gathering in the Government Gardens tea kiosk on the night of Thursday, November 2nd. The Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Chatterton, expressed the general regret at their departure, and stated that an illuminated address was in preparation for presentation to Miss Ruth Gardner, expressing appreciation of her excellent work for the church. Several speakers warmly endorsed the Vicar's remarks. Miss Nita Gazenby, on behalf of the Sunday School teachers, presented Miss Ruth Gardner with a Doulton vase, and Miss Nellie Gardner with an artistic cup, saucer and plate.

The monthly meeting of the Rotorua branch of the C.E.M.S. was held on Monday, November 6th. The Vicar presided over a good attendance. Mr J. Wrathall was elected to represent the branch at the Dominion Conference of the Society in Christchurch during December, and it was decided to request Mr R. W. Dyer, S.M., to act as representative of the branch at the Diocesan Conference of the Society at Napier. It was decided to forward to both conferences reprints

on the subjects of gambling and Sunday observance. An interesting discussion took place on the question of idealism in industry.

The ladies of St. Luke's Women's Guild have decided to hold a bazaar in the church grounds early in December, and are actively engaged in making preparations for the function.

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

The new stone fence to the church has greatly improved the look of things and the new porch has been appreciated by all. There was a large attendance at the Mothers' Union last month, when the Vicar admitted a batch of new members. After the service there was a short programme provided by the Rev. W. T. Drake, Mesdames Drake, Greer, and Rice and Miss Dimond. This was the last meeting till next March. The C.E.M.S. gave an evening for men last month, when the Vicar gave an address on Church History. The Vicar has finished his instruction classes on the Holy Communion for those lately confirmed, and they have all made their first Communion. They will be admitted as members of the Communicants' Guild at its next meeting.

St. Mark's, Clive. (Vicar: Rev. T. Fisher).

On November 6th the parishioners of Clive gave a farewell social to the Rev. R. F. Geddes and Mrs Geddes on the occasion of their departure to Puketapu, and presented them respectively with a Daily Service Book and a silver photo frame, small tokens of their esteem and hearty good wishes. On Thursday, the 9th, the Mothers' Union met in the church and the Deaconess admitted two new members and gave an address on the second object of the Union—the training of our boys and girls. On Wednesday, the 15th, the G.F.S. gave a concert in aid of church funds, the public hall being quite full, and over £10 was realised. With the exception of a song from Mrs St. Hill, the items were rendered entirely by members of the society, and did them great credit. A short missionary play, "Go Tell," by six girls, calls for special mention for the reverence and the simplicity with which it was rendered. Also a medical mission scene by the younger members gave evidence of much appreciation and study of the parts. The capable way in which this branch is being run by the girls themselves—a few of the elder members having become associates—shows that the G.F.S. can be well adapted to the needs of a New Zealand country district.

Waipiro Bay. (Vicar: Rev. J. Pigott).

The Rev. W. J. Durrad has just

concluded a prolonged visit to this parish on behalf of the Board of Missions. He conducted special services or lectures at Tokomaru Bay, Waipiro Bay, Kaharau, Tuparoa, Waioamatani, Te Araroa and Hicks' Bay. In addition he did a lot of visiting and also conducted a "Quiet Day" for Maori and Pakeha workers at Waipiro Bay, which was very helpful and much appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to be able to attend. The missionary side of the work was greatly encouraged by his visit and we look forward to seeing him again next year. The Waipiro Ladies' Guild held a sale at the Vicarage on October 14th, and, as a result, the Parish Fund benefited to the extent of £23. A similar effort was made by the ladies of Te Araroa on October 29th, when £36 was realised. The ladies of Tokomaru and Ruatorea are all working hard and are making special efforts for later in the season.

Holy Trinity, Gisborne. (Vicar: Rev. Canon H. Packe, M.A. Assistant Priest: Rev. T. A. Cato).

Our beloved Bishop has paid his annual visit to the parish, and it has been an inspiring time from start to finish. His lordship celebrated at the 8 a.m. service, on Sunday, November 5th, when there were 132 communicants, a fairly big majority being members of the Girls' Club and Young Men's Club. The Bishop preached at the 11 a.m. service, and then conducted the Confirmation at night. It was good to see the large church comfortably filled with such reverent worshippers. The forty-seven candidates will long remember the loving counsel and advice of their Father in God. They make their first communion on December 3rd. On the Tuesday evening an Admission Service was held for members of Holy Trinity Girls' Club, when nine girls were admitted to the Club. During the service the Bishop, who is a patron of the Club, dedicated and unveiled the Club Memorial Board to members who have been called to their rest. It is a simple and artistic design. The Bishop preached a most helpful sermon on the life hereafter, and the influence of those members who had passed on. The parishioners tendered the Bishop a welcome social the night following in the City Hall, which was largely attended. Mr E. H. Mann welcomed his lordship on behalf of parishioners, to which the Bishop replied in a happy mood. He also referred to the necessity of immediately securing two unmarried priests to help in the parish, and of the need for a Church Orphanage in Gisborne. Mention was also made of the splendid tone and atmosphere of St. Winifred's School. The evening passed with music and inter-