

course. After supper the younger parishioners held a dance. The Ladies' Guild made a satisfactory amount at the Rose Show, netting over £80. We congratulate them on the result. The Girls' Club hold their annual Sale of Work on December 14th in aid of a club room. Gifts of all kinds will be welcomed at the Parish Hall on that date. The Christmas celebrations at the Parish Church will be at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 12 noon, with a carol service at night. Services will be announced in the daily papers. A very helpful intercession service for the sick and suffering is held every Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m. in the parish church. Names of those who are sick, and in trouble, desiring to be prayed for are asked to be given to the Vicar. Come and pray for your sick friends. An address is given by the Vicar on Spiritual Healing, and bright hymns are sung at this service. The service is held partly in preparation for the visit of the spiritual healer, Mr Hickson, to Australasia next year. Intercessions for all parochial work, for the doctors, nurses, hospitals and medicines, should be at the back of all work for the Master.

Taradale. (Vicar: Rev. Canon Clarke).

The concert held in our hall in aid of church funds was in every way a success. Miss Thomas, our organist, had worked very hard amidst many discouragements, and her efforts were well rewarded. Our best thanks are due to the performers, Miss McCarthy, Alexander and Thomas, also Mr Skeet (Taradale) and the High School boys, all of whom helped to provide a splendid evening's entertainment. The Bishop's visit to the parish was most helpful to us all. He did not spare himself, preaching at the Old People's Home at 8.45 a.m., Taradale with Confirmation at 11 a.m., Meanee 3 p.m., Pakowhai 7 p.m. His homely and impressive sermons will, we feel sure, bear abundant fruit. The meetings of the Mothers' Union were brought to a close for the present by a most enjoyable afternoon in the grounds of Mrs A. E. Turner-Williams, when a goodly number of mothers and friends gathered together. The Vicar is very grateful for the influence this splendid institution is wielding in the parish. The Thursday evening intercession services have been very much better attended for some months past. Addresses on Confirmation have been given, and it is fervently hoped that the young people lately confirmed will continue to attend in the future. None of us can afford such occasions of help as these services present, besides which intercession is a great power in the spiritual life of a parish. The Vicar will always be pleased to receive requests for prayer.

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

The Bishop visited the parish on October 31st, and administered the rite of Confirmation. There were 35 candidates, and the service was a very beautiful one. On November 7th the Mothers' Union had its usual monthly meeting. After the opening service the members spent a very enjoyable time in the Vicarage grounds. The subject discussed at the November meeting of the C.E.M.S. was "Capital and Labor." An address was given by Mr Geo. Williams, a former trades union secretary, and such a debatable question naturally led to a great deal of discussion. Miss Grant gave a very interesting lecture to the G.F.S. on October 26th entitled "People I Have Met." There was a large attendance, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the address. We have again had the pleasure of a short visit from the Rev. E. P. Lee, Chinese Missioner. Mr Lee was able to be present at a meeting of the Gleaners' Union held during his stay.

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

An excellent organ recital was given by Mr Percy Tombs, assisted by Mrs Drake, Nurse Carter and Mr Drummond on October 25th. Great pleasure has been expressed and hopes that other recitals may follow. The annual meeting of the Mothers' Union was held on October 27th, the Bishop presiding.

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

Mr A. E. Turner-Williams paid a visit to the parish during the month and preached at St. Mary's on Sunday morning, November 12th. Later on, during the week, he, in company with the Vicar, called upon a number of the parishioners. The response to his appeal for contributions to the General Diocesan Fund was well received, indicating a growing interest in the work of the church in the diocese. The amount contributed in the Waipukurau parish was considerably in advance of the previous year. Mr Turner-Williams' visit was much appreciated, the general feeling being that he is the right man in the right place.

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

The choir, under Mr Naylor's capable management, is rapidly increasing in numbers. It is proposed to hold a carol service after evensong on December 24th, after which the time-honoured custom of "Wassailing" will be duly observed. We wish all our parishioners a very Happy Christmas.

On Christmas Day celebrations will be held at St. Peter's Church at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m., and at Onga Onga

at 9 a.m., and evensong at St. Peter's at 7 o'clock.

It is proposed to hold a sale on behalf of Missions and St. John's Home on Friday and Saturday, the 22nd and 23rd of December, in Mr Bibby's corner shop.

The Vicar will probably be away at Kairakau for about three weeks after Christmas, but will return to the parish for the Sunday services, and for urgent sick and other visiting.

We are greatly indebted to Messrs Gallagher and H. Rathbone for making kneelers for the choir. The Girls' Club have bought a piano. It says much for their enthusiasm that they have raised the necessary funds in such a short time. The piano will be decidedly useful for the club meetings and should help greatly in the social side of parish work.

C.E.M.S. Conference.

The C.E.M.S. Diocesan Conference was held in St. Augustine's Schoolroom, Napier, on 17th November, when over 20 members were present. Letters of apology for absence were received from the Dannevirke and Rotorua branches. Bro. E. J. Rich, of Berhampore, gave a very sound and inspiring address, in which he urged the necessity for the C.E.M.S. being a missionary society, existing primarily for the building up of the Church and only secondarily for its own advancement and strength. Bro. Rich described the progress made in the Wellington district, and also mentioned the fact that, largely as the result of the efforts of the C.E.M.S. Headquarters Executive, the Government has at last given permission for a representative from each denomination to be present in the arrival of steamers carrying immigrants. A remit was received from Rotorua in connection with the question of Sunday Observance, and the following resolution was passed, being a remit to the Dominion Conference:—"This Conference calls upon all its members to do everything in their power to preserve Sunday as a Day of Worship and for rest. It appeals to sportsmen, in the highest interests of the nation, to refrain from all kinds of organised sport on this day." It was also decided to forward the following remit to the Dominion Conference:—"That it be a recommendation to the Dominion Conference that a definite effort be made to secure information about the League of Nations and to help in the work of the League in every way possible." Bro. O. Gibson was elected secretary with Bro. F. L. Tucker as assistant. The Executive was elected as follows: Bros. Rice, Fowler, Hallett, Hoar, and Hamilton. The Executive is to consider the