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## Diocese of Waiapu.

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## Subscriptions and Offertories.

### GENERAL DIOCESAN FUND.

Subscriptions and Offertories from 1st April to 31st October, 1922:—

	£	s.	d.
Clive .....	2	16	0
Dannevirke .....	43	3	10
Gisborne .....	13	19	7
Hastings .....	248	16	7
Havelock .....	37	17	10
Matawai .....	5	11	11
Napier—			
St. John's .....	190	3	4
St. Andrew's .....	5	18	0
St. Augustine's .....	45	18	0
Opotiki .....	7	5	4
Ormondville .....	17	13	11
Otane .....	96	5	4
Patutahi .....	5	19	5
Porangahau .....	2	0	3
Puketapu .....	14	10	0
Rotorua .....	26	0	10
Takapau .....	8	0	0
Taradale .....	38	0	5
Tauranga .....	16	7	3
Te Karaka .....	9	0	3
Te Puke .....	5	1	8
Tolaga Bay .....	116	14	0
Waipawa .....	5	12	9
Waipiro .....	63	6	3
Waipukurau .....	3	16	0

Wairoa .....	12	13	0
Whakatane .....	14	2	5
Sundries .....	11	0	0
Subscriptions and Offertories from Maori sources .....	48	7	2
	£1115	1	4

The above amount is made up as follows:—

General Diocesan Fund .....	£724	5	11
Waiapu Maori Mission .....	176	0	5
St. Mary's Home .....	87	1	9
St. Hilda's Home .....	80	19	6
Deaconess House .....	7	3	0
Sundries .....	39	10	9
	£1115	1	4

## Annual Meeting of Mothers' Union.

HELD 25th SEPTEMBER, 1922, IN THE WAIAPU DIOCESE.

The annual meeting of the Mothers' Union of the Diocese of Waiapu was held in St. John's Schoolroom yesterday afternoon, when the Bishop of Waiapu presided over an exceptionally large attendance.

The various reports of the branches, showing the activities of the union in the diocese, were read and adopted. The position of the branches was acknowledged to be very satisfactory.

The secretary's report is printed below.

The Bishop said the Mothers' Union was a deep organisation and was a bigger thing than most people imagined. It had an imperial mission and its idea was to bring Christ into every home. There were enormous possibilities for the union; but it would have to extend greater than ever if the women of to-day were to retain their womanhood. The war had opened the doors to liberty for women, and that liberty was being abused by license. Lady Astor, the English M.P., advocated the entry of women into all high offices of State and departments of life, but, she said, if women were to lose their womanhood in so doing it was better for them to drop all ideals and retire

from public life. Sometimes he thought that the young men of to-day had the power with which to right things. No man could admire brazenness in the girl of to-day and it was up to these men to awaken to their responsibilities. There was one danger that beset the union and that was to centre in itself too much, and think that a large membership was the hallmark of success. What they wanted was quality not quantity, and to do this it was necessary to purge the rolls and remove useless members. In concluding the Bishop referred to the excellent work accomplished by Mrs Henley, the secretary, who had devoted much time to the deserving cause.

The following officers were elected to the Diocesan Council:—President, Mrs Sedgwick; vice-presidents, Mrs C. H. MacLean (Hawke's Bay), Mrs H. Williams (Waiapu); Mrs Ruddock (Tauranga); secretary and treasurer, Mrs Henley; literary secretary, Mrs Henley; member of the council ex officio, Sister Brand.

## REPORT FOR SEPT., 1922.

In presenting the annual report and balance-sheet of the past working year of the M.U., I have been greatly struck with returns from some of the branches at the number of members returned. Some branches have a paper membership of 50 or more, while only returning fees for about half that number. This, in conjunction with the fact that 250 new members' cards have been applied for, shows the necessity of purging the rolls, as financially our numbers do not show that increase, and it means while our new members are growing considerably, some of the old ones are either gone or no longer attend meetings.

I would suggest that other branches purge their lists this coming year, as, in spite of continued calls for cards, the membership does not rise in proportion.

In many ways the past year has shown progress. The appeal from the women of the diocese to Parliament re the Divorce Act, was not without effect, and will show the Dominion that the M.U. is a live organisation