

it is proposed to hold a "shop" in Napier.

Subscriptions to the "Gazette," as yet unpaid, may be handed directly to the Vicar.

**Taradale.** (Vicar: Rev. Canon Clarke).

The Missionary Christmas parcels were packed in the Parish Hall on Friday, 17th August. The prevailing epidemic militated against a good attendance, but quite a nice number of attractive and useful articles were brought or sent, enabling us to forward a parcel each for Miss Smith, India; Dr. Duncan Main, China; and Miss Dineen, China.

The annual Missionary Sale of Work has been fixed for Wednesday, 26th September.

The Vicar hopes to hold Confirmation classes shortly, and will be glad to receive the names of intending candidates.

There are a few subscriptions for the "Church Gazette" still unpaid.

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

We have much to report since our last letter. In connection with the Healing Mission, Intercession services are fixed for the following districts:—

Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., St. Paul's, Kaiti.

Wednesday, 7.30 p.m., Holy Trinity.

Thursday, 3.15 p.m., Holy Trinity. (Children's Service).

Thursday, 7.30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, Te Hapara.

Friday, 7.30 p.m., St. John's, Mangapapa.

Prayer Circles are also arranged as follows:—

Monday, 2.45 p.m., Y.W.C.A. Rooms.

Monday, 7.30 p.m., Miss Rees' School.

Tuesday, 3 p.m., Miss Maclean, 206 Stout Street.

Tuesday, 9.15 p.m., Holy Trinity Girls' Club.

Thursday, 3 p.m., Mrs Graham, Iranui Road, Kaiti.

Thursday, 2.15 p.m., the Vicarage.

Friday, 3 p.m., Miss Hyett, Dixon Street, Kaiti.

Friday, 7.30 p.m., St. Winifred's School.

Circles will also be arranged for Te Hapara, Victoria Township and other parts, which will be announced. Much enthusiasm is being shown by the large band of women workers, whose duty it is to visit those preparing for the Mission of Healing. They work with full authority from the Vicar. The Vicar will be pleased to hear of anyone who is willing to take in patients or visiting clergy during the Mission. Volunteer to help in any way possible, in the ser-

vice of the Master in this coming Mission. Try and persuade your friends who are sick in soul and body to come to the Mission, and to send in the names and addresses to Canon Packe, Cobden street, Gisborne.

A most successful sale of produce, etc., was held on August 11th, in aid of Church funds and realised about £100.

The Holy Trinity Girls' Club's annual sale of work is to be held on October 4th in the Parish Hall. Contributions towards the different stalls will be gratefully accepted.

Plans have been drawn up for a new Parish Hall in brick, by Burr and Mirfield, architects. The hall will be properly appointed, with side class rooms, a large room for the Ladies' Guild and Girls' Club and other rooms. We hope that before long it will be an accomplished fact.

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

The Elsthorpe bazaar realised after all £125, and a debt of gratitude is due to all who so assisted to make this a huge social and financial success. The church will probably be removed to the centre of the church site, painted and trees planted within the enclosure. A caretaker has been appointed at a small salary. The influenza and wintry weather combined have had a bad effect on our congregations here as elsewhere, and we had hoped the bazaar rally would have been a means of bringing more together for the worship of God in this church. There has been considerable interest created in the Healing Mission, chiefly through our Bishop's address and there are likely to be some to go to the Mission for our Lord's Blessing.

The prayer meetings on Thursday afternoons are good and a very quiet spirit of expectancy is coming for the dozen or so for whom we are praying. Of course we are praying for the Mission as a whole and Mr J. Hickson himself.

The matron of St. Hilda's has had another very worrying time with a mild but vexing epidemic of chicken-pox and that, added to the difficulty in getting a suitable sub-matron has meant a big strain. However, things are more promising for her.

One of our choir members, Miss Howard, had the sadness of her sister's death through influenza, Mrs Witherow, a one-time worshipper at St. James' and old resident of the district. Special mention was made at the early celebration after the funeral. The Rev. Mr Blathwayt, choir-master, after about three months' illness in Wakatipu hospital, has returned looking well after his long spell.

Te Aute has had a severe visitation of influenza, most families suf-

fering, but not any special cases. The Rev. Canon Williams had a week of it but is again hard at work over the Healing Mission. He has undertaken all intercessions and work for the Healing Mission at Pukehou centre to relieve the Vicar, which is most kind and thoughtful of him.

**St. Matthew's, Hastings.** (Vicar: Rev. R. T. Hall. Assistant Curate: Rev. J. E. Draper).

The parish has sustained a great loss in the departure of the Rev. O. Gibson for Masterton. During the 3½ years Mr Gibson has been with us he has done sound work in every department of church activity. His ministrations, both public and private, have been greatly appreciated, and expressions of regret at his leaving have been very general.

At a parish social Mr T. H. Gill, on behalf of the parishioners, presented Mr Gibson with a wristlet watch and cheque in appreciation of the work he has done in Hastings. Mr Gibson also received gifts from the Sunday School teachers, the Sunday School children, the C.E.M.S., the G.F.S., the Bible Classes, and the congregation of Pāki Pāki. Many will retain the happiest memories of Mr Gibson's ministry in Hastings and will pray for God's blessing on him in his new sphere of labor.

St. Matthew's Day, September 21st, will soon be here and we shall keep our Patronal and Dedication Festival. This is the Parish Festival when we thank God for work accomplished, and blessings received during the past year, and all who appreciate their parish church will desire to take part in the festival.

The choir are practising Mendelssohn's "Lauda Sion," a very beautiful work which will be performed on the eve of St. Matthew's Day. On the Sunday in the Octave the Rev. John Hobbs will be the preacher.

**Oliva.** (Vicar: Rev. T. Fisher).

A reverent congregation awaited the Bishop on July 29th at evensong, after which he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to eleven candidates; a few were prevented attending by the prevailing epidemic. In spite of a trying cold which had hold of the Bishop his solemn words were received with awe, and made a deep impression on his hearers, and will not lightly be forgotten.

Callers at the vicarage will appreciate Mr T. L. Gordon's present of three loads of shingle, which will remove the trying ordeal of approaching the house. Their thanks will be articulate!

The G.F.S. social is not dropped. On the contrary, the members hope to make it a memorable success now that the weather is improving.