

support of Tuparoa, the ladies in Tokomaru Bay are industriously working for a bazaar to be held in November. It is expected that both districts will support their clergyman by direct giving alone, but ready cash is needed for a beginning.

The preparation for the Healing Mission has been the most important work and eleven patients are preparing, confidently hoping to touch but the hem of Christ's garment. We are grateful to Canon Packe for the enthusiasm and hope he has inspired. Tenders are being called for the building of the Waipiro Bay Church and it is hoped to lay the foundation stone in January.

Editorial Notices.

Please address all Editorial matter to The Editor, "Church Gazette," Box 29, Waipawa.

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OURSELVES.

We are glad to be able to inform our readers that Synod has authorised the Standing Committee to make a grant towards "Gazette" funds so as to make possible the enlargement of the "Gazette" to twelve pages. We appeal very strongly to both clergy and laity to do their utmost to increase our circulation so as to justify the Standing Committee in carrying out the Synod's decision. A few suggestions were made to increase the "Gazette's" usefulness:—

First: The parochial notes after this month will no longer appear in full. The unanimous opinion of the clergy is in favor of leaving the Editor, at his discretion, to compile a column of "Parochial News." The clergy will send in their "notes" as usual to form the substance of this column.

Second: There is a demand for a column or two of simple matter. This will be met to the best of our ability.

Third: "People want something fit to read on Sundays." We hope to

provide a devotional column and perhaps, now and again, a short sermon.

Fourth: We want to double our circulation, treble it if possible. Will every reader help? The "Gazette" will now be published at less than cost. The "Gazette" should be in every Church home. Lend it to your neighbor. Get him to subscribe. If the "Gazette" doesn't satisfy you—write to the editor. He is quite grateful for advice whether he takes it or not.

Fifth: The editor will send a free copy to any public library willing to put it on the library table.

We have been told we are "tied to a corpse." Nevertheless you will find something of interest, sometimes much, in the "Churchman." Read it. The "Churchman" is the organ of the whole Church of New Zealand. It is not yet defunct; it "is getting better and better every day." Anyhow the "Gazette" is alive. Make it "more so."

Standing Committee.

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held on Wednesday, September 19th. It was decided that the parochial assessment (for Pension Fund) be the same as for last year. It was decided to subsidise the "Church Gazette" so that it may be increased in size to 12 pages, beginning with the November issue. The Commissary reported that he had written to the General Secretary of the Board of Missions expressing the decision of this diocese to support the appeal for the Japanese Relief Fund.

It was decided to send to each Standing Committee and to the Board of Missions a copy of the resolution of Synod re the increase of the pensions of the Melanesian clergy.

With the approval of the late Mrs Gardiner's executors it was agreed to hand over to the building fund of the new Mission house at Manutuke the sum allocated in her legacy to the Maori Mission. A loan of £100 was granted to Opatiki to be available when funds are in hand and the building of the parish room is commenced.

The Rev. Canon Butterfield and Messrs Turner Williams, Bull and Kibblewhite were appointed as building committee for the Abbotsford Home, to consult with the architect re details of plans and with authority to call for tenders.

It was decided to meet at 4.30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

We call attention to an advertisement in another column regarding Lohse scholarships available for the daughters of Anglican clergy.

The Staircase Poem.

(Quoted in "The Poet's Life of Christ" Norman Ault).

"It was found amongst the Christchurch MSS. of the seventeenth century, and it is without question the greatest piece of literary treasure trove of recent times," says Mr Strachey. "It has a quality which is very rare in English verse. It is quite perfect as far as it goes. By this I do not mean to say that it is a very great poem, but merely that the author has accomplished exactly what he set out to do perfectly, and without any drawbacks."

"Yet if his majesty, our sovereign lord,
Should of his own accord
Friendly himself invite
And say, "I'll be your guest to-morrow night,"

How should we stir ourselves, call and command

All hands to work! "Let no man idle stand.

Set me fine Spanish tables in the hall,
See they be fitted all;

Let there be room to eat,
And order taken that there want no meat.

See every sconce and candlestick
made bright,
That without tapers they may give a light.

Look to the presence: are the carpets spread,

Thé dais o'er the head,
The cushions in the chairs,
And all the candles lighted on the stairs?

Perfume the chambers, and in any ease

Let each man give attendance in his place."

Thus if the king were coming would we do;

An' 'twere good reason too:
For 'tis a duteous thing

To show all honor to an earthly king;
And, after all our travail and our cost,

So he be pleased, to think no labor lost.

But at the coming of the King of heaven

All's set at six and seven:
We wallow in our sin:

Christ cannot find a chamber in the inn.

We entertain him always like a stranger,

And, as at first, still lodge Him in the manger."

Overheard at the Healing Mission.—Old lady from a country parish in the Cathedral at the Healing Mission, deeply impressed with her beautiful surroundings: "I thought I was in Heaven———until I saw the rector!"—The Tasmanian "Church News."