

Vicarage; and to thank the parish not only for the parish car, which was of the greatest help, but also for the kindness and hospitality shown to Mrs Geddes and himself on all sides.

In presenting the annual balance-sheet on behalf of the churchwardens Mr Absolum said that, although it showed an improvement of nearly £300 on last year's, it contained no reference to £100 given by Lady Russell before leaving for England, and to a sum of £190 collected by several ladies for the purchase of a parish car.

Mr Beamish said he disliked the Church being in debt, and that he wanted to see the whole debt paid off as soon as possible. The balance-sheet showed a debit of £650. Towards this amount Lady Russell had given £100, and Mr Lowry had promised the last £100 if the debt was all paid by the 31st of March. He himself would give £50 on the same understanding. He had also received promises of smaller amounts including an anonymous donation of £25.

Mr Lowry said that that left them £350 to raise by the 31st of March, and that she was going to see to it that they did so. She herself would organise a Garden Fete to take place about the 12th of December, followed by a dance in the Fernhill Hall; that Mrs Dudley Hill had very kindly offered the use of her grounds, and that she hoped everyone in the parish would try and do something to make it a huge success. In the meantime a series of concerts had been projected by the Rissington people to take place at Sherenden, Puketapu and Rissington, each concert party presenting its programme at the other centres, which was an excellent idea.

The Vicar pointed out that by the end of the financial year there would be an extra £38 to pay in interest.

The meeting closed with a resolution expressing regret that the Archdeacon had been unable to attend, and appreciation of his valuable advice and help in putting the parish on a sound financial basis.

The following are the officers for the year:—Churchwardens, Messrs Kinross White and Evan Davies; Vestry, Mrs Kinross White, Messrs J. H. Absolum, F. Hutchinson junr., George Beamish and W. G. Moore; Secretary, Mr W. G. Moore; Treasurer, Mr R. E. H. Pilon; Auditor, Mr A. G. Pallot.

The first of the series of concerts was held at Sherenden on July 11th, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, the nett proceeds being £13 5s 3d. Our thanks are due to Mrs Lowry, who organised the concert, to the Rev. Pene Hakiwai who took a party from Omaha, and to the Sher-

enden ladies who arranged an excellent supper and dance to follow.

St. Augustine's, Napier. The fourth Healing Service since the Hickson Mission was held in the church on Friday afternoon, July 4th. It was most inspiring and helpful to all.

The service, which was quite simple, was taken by the Vicar, and he was assisted in the laying-on of hands by the Rev. W. T. Drake as there were so many patients. There were 54 who had hands laid on them; they had been prayed for by name at three or four services every week, besides the five prayer circles which meet weekly; the members of the latter also divide the names of the patients up among themselves, and pray for them daily. The intercessors at the service consisted mostly of the members of the prayer circles. Many of the patients, who are coming regularly to these services, have reported much physical improvement, and several lately have withdrawn their names as cured, although they had been under the doctor for years.

A very excellent juvenile concert, organised by Mrs Collins, was held last month, and drew the biggest house ever known in the Schoolroom. It was in aid of the Church Buildings Improvement Fund, for which a big Parish Sale of Work has been organised for Wednesday, August 27th. We hope that friends and ex-parishioners will come and give us their support at the sale of work.

The G.F.S. held a very successful Jumble Sale last month in aid of Missions, Parish Sick and Needy Fund, etc.

The Young Women's Bible Class, under their teacher, Mrs Rice, were to hold a musical and dramatic concert on July 30th.

Confirmation Classes are in full swing in the parish, with a good number of candidates. The Confirmation is to be on October 8th.

Waipawa. The Girls' Club held a bazaar on June 26th, followed by a pleasant little dance. The proceeds amounted to nearly £20, of which the girls have decided to give £10 to the funds of the Melanesian Mission.

The bell at St. Peter's, Waipawa, fell from its supports on St. Peter's Day and was broken; until we get another we shall have to rely upon the Roman and Methodist bells to call us to our devotions.

A meeting of the Vestry was held on July 21st to consider the serious financial condition of the parish and it was decided to endeavor to put the parish finances on a more satisfactory basis. To do this it will be necessary to increase the number of our annual subscribers considerably, and to ask some who already subscribe to largely augment their subscriptions. The matter has become one of great

urgency as we have accounts to pay amounting to nearly £100 and nothing to pay them with.

It is proposed to hold social evenings occasionally during the rest of the winter in order to bring Church-people together socially.

Confirmation classes have begun but there are very few candidates, so far. In fact there do not seem to be many young Church people who have "come to the years of discretion" and yet have not been confirmed. There are, however, a good many unconfirmed adults. These have worried along so many years without the grace of Confirmation and the inestimable gift of the Blessed Sacrament; that it is hard to make them understand the joy and strength that they have missed and are missing through disobeying Our Saviour's Command. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the things that God hath prepared for those who unfeignedly love Him."

Opotiki. During the month we have had our annual visit from the Bishop, and we only wish that the Church was always as full as at that wonderful Confirmation service on the evening of June 22nd. Thirty candidates were presented, of whom 17 were adults. Four adult baptisms had taken place during the previous week and we are most grateful to God for all His blessings. The visible cause of the above number was twofold—first the Mission, and secondly the leading of the children, many of whose parents were confirmed this year. Truly in spiritual things "A little child shall lead them."

The Sunday School have invested in a big cupboard for their books and material, and it contains a big bin for rolls of pictures, altogether a great asset.

The annual meeting of parishioners took place on June 19th. The Bishop was present, giving an inspiring address on "Service." Mr G. T. Gulde, our lay reader, became people's warden and secretary, and Mr W. F. Burton was elected as vestryman, representing the young men of the parish. We are hopeful of great work being done during the coming 12 months by the Vestry.

Holy Trinity, Gisborne. Owing to a very wet Sunday for the festival of the Holy Trinity the offerings in aid of the Parish Hall were not as large as we hoped to have, but efforts are going on quietly to gradually collect funds in. The Rev. D. J. Davies arrived on July 3rd to act as Assistant Priest to the Vicar. Both he and his wife have had considerable experience amongst young people, and so will be of great assistance here in the work of the Church. The formal opening of the temporary Club Rooms