

half the nett proceeds, is all being spent on the church grounds and general improvements.

Those who have seen the work done will admit the money is being well spent. Our very best thanks are due to Mrs Cyril Williams and Mr Wilder, not only for the method of beautifying the grounds, but also for the time and attention given to it. Again our thanks should be given to all helpers, who have made it possible, through the sale of work, to carry out this beautifying scheme.

A memorial window was unveiled on September 6th, at Omakere, in memory of Lieutenant Allan Douglas Williams, son of Mr A. M. Williams, of Pukehou, and Noel and Selwyn Williams, sons of Mr G. C. Williams, who were killed in the late war. It has been said we are "a dumb people"; perhaps we are. Words cannot express the esteem in which these cousins were held. When words fail, action often leads the way. The large congregation that gathered for the unveiling was a tribute to three, who won and still hold a silent place in memory. The tablet erected by friends in memory of Lieut. A. D. Williams and the window will speak to all who worship there, of our Lord's sacrifice and the sacrifice of those in whose memory they are erected.

"Still through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our Lesser Calvaries."

Sunday School.—If the fine weather continues, the contractor hopes to have the Otane Sunday School finished about the middle of October. This will fit in nicely for the Bishop's visit early in November, when we hope to have the official opening. The shop held in Otane realised just over £30. We have for sale a set of double harness and a buggy, which have been given towards the Sunday School funds.

Waipiro Bay.

On Sunday, August 23rd, three children were admitted as members of the Tokomaru Bay "Crusaders"—Betsy Reilly, Enid Coates and Nellie Hollever. It was very pretty to see these young people come forward and make their vows during the children's service. Paul Evans is also a "Crusader," but a country member.

At the end of August the Vicar made a journey on horseback round some of the back stations. Bright services were held at Makarika and Huiarua, and to avoid some of the mud the journey home was made via Onetahunga and Puketiti.

On the first Sunday in September the Vicar went into the Te Araroa Parochial District to celebrate the Holy Communion at Tuparoa and Kaharau, as at present they are without

a priest. He was glad of the opportunity of meeting many old friends and, considering the state of the roads, the attendance was very good at both places.

On Friday, September 11th, the initial meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in St. Mary's Church, Tokomaru Bay. The attendance was good and for three months it is on probation. Mrs Pigott was made president, Mrs Morgan vice-president, and Mrs Hughes hon. secretary and treasurer.

Waipukurau.

The new Church Building Fund is still growing, and will grow much faster when more people are praying for a blessing on this effort for God's honour and glory. The amount in sight now is £1845, and there are still very many parishioners who have not yet responded.

The Spring Flower Show and Sale of Work was held in the large theatre last month and was a great success. There were absolutely no raffles or guessing competitions, but £135 was cleared to help to pay off two Diocesan loans of £170, the last debt on the parish and a legacy of some years ago.

There was a great band of workers, and parishioners were splendid in the way they sent in gifts. There was a good show of flowers, decorative work, and cookery, and it gave great pleasure to many.

The Sunday School was entertained to tea and games on September 4th, and there were over 100 to feed and entertain. The scholars each brought a small gift for the bran tub and fishing well at the sale, and they all had a very happy time.

Canon Butterfield kindly came and addressed the Mothers' Union last month on "Children's Prayers." It was very helpful.

Takapau.

We had a visit from His Lordship the Bishop in July, when 32 candidates were presented for Confirmation. This year the social evening to meet the Bishop was held at Ashley Clinton. A very boisterous and wet night, but it did not prevent a very full hall. Everyone enjoyed the Bishop's stories and talk—and the people from Takapau were loud in their praise of the hospitality shown them. During the winter we have had two concerts—one at Takapau, the other at Ashley Clinton, both enjoyable, and the financial result good, over £40 being raised. This, with a donation from Mrs and Misses A'Deane of £10, enables us to paint the church and renovate the inside of the vicarage.

In July the Sunday School scholars, with their friends, met for tea in the Village Hall, spending three hours

playing games, etc., the prizes for the year being also presented. A social evening was held in the same hall in September for church members and friends to foregather and enjoy themselves. Everyone pronounced it a very enjoyable evening.

The Vicar and his Bible class boys spent two very enjoyable days in August. One day they were the guests of Mr Collin, junr., for a day's rabbiting on the foothills of the Ruahines. The other day was spent coursing hares, being the guests of Dr. Hall. The boys will long remember these days.

We have to record two working bees to improve the church grounds, the vestry members meeting on one occasion, and the Bible class boys on the other.

The Ashley Clinton parishioners responded well to the appeal made on behalf of Abbotsford Home, the result being 22 sheets, 6 towels (more to come), 2 pillow cases and 2 pairs of blankets. So far we have received from Takapau £3 15s and a pair of blankets.

Waipawa.

The Vicar wishes to express his regret that the services have been so irregular during the past month, but hopes, now that his voice is being gradually restored, to miss no services in future. Confirmation classes resume immediately after Synod. It is of course impossible to have candidates ready by October 25th and the Bishop has therefore postponed his visit till December 13th. Names of all candidates should be sent to the Vicar at once.

The result of the appeal for funds for furnishing Abbotsford Home has so far been satisfactory but there are many parishioners who have not yet responded. Another gift afternoon will be held—probably early in November—when we hope that those who have not yet helped will do so.

The electric light was in use for the first time in St. Peter's Church on September 27th. We are deeply grateful to the Rathbone trustees for its installation in both the Church and the Vicarage. Parishioners need not in future be afraid of the long winding approach to the Vicarage on dark nights. Give a ring on the telephone (No. 95) and a light will be thrown on the track as a welcome and a guide.

"Liberty may be won, if we are willing to surrender some of our own anti-social liberties. Equality may be won, if we think less of our own individual rights, and more of our common duties. Fraternity may be won, if we aim more at that justice which is inspired by love."—Professor Anderson.