

shore, and the fishes are taken out of it. Jesus said that the Church is like a net, it is cast into the world and gathers in fish (men) of every kind, good ones and bad ones. That is what it is always doing. By and bye at the Judgment Day the good fish will be taken by Jesus to be with Him but the bad ones will be thrown away.

## Parochial News.

### Tauranga.

Although some months have elapsed since notes appeared in the "Gazette," and possibly the rest of the Diocese has consigned us to oblivion, we are still alive and rejoicing in a welcome epidemic of spiritual dissatisfaction.

The result of this complaint (?) has been that 75 candidates were presented to the Bishop last month for Confirmation, which we humbly think is a record.

Secondly, at the annual meeting the Parish Hall was freed from all traditional restrictions with regard to dancing, and we have formed a Hall Committee who will take charge of such festivities, and who hope to work up the social side of church life amongst the young folk. This is a tremendous step in the parish, and we hope for great things.

Thirdly, the Duplex Envelope system has actually started and is steadily growing. It is so easy to give this way if only people realised it.

Fourthly, St. George's Gate Pa has caught the complaint and are indulging in an orgy of wood staining, enlarging the altar and making a suitable tapestry frontal and hangings.

There are other symptoms of the disease (?) visible, and taking all things together we are full of hope and most humbly and truly grateful to God for His many blessings to us, His unworthy servants. Please pray for us sometimes before the altar.

### Holy Trinity, Gisborne.

Owing to wild, stormy weather on our Patronal Festival, congregations were only fair and the offertories were not so large as we had hoped to have. If those who haven't given towards the special offertory for the new Sunday School and Church rooms would send their donations to the Vicar or the Vestry we would be most grateful.

The need for this new building is most urgent, and any sums from one shilling upwards will be most thankfully received. The annual meeting of parishioners was held on June 7th. The Vicar, in his opening remarks, thanked the people for their generosity in sending him to Rotorua for medical treatment, from which he had

derived great benefit. This last year, he said, had been one of steady progress in the parish. Especially in the suburbs they had been most enthusiastic. He thanked all organisations and helpers for their willing work in the past year, and expressed the wish that every parishioner would do his or her best to support the church, and stand by one another in the great battle for the Kingdom of God. Heartly votes of thanks were passed to the lay-readers, the Ladies' Guild, the Deaconess, Sunday School teachers, organist and choir and others. Mr C. A. de Lautour was again appointed Vicar's warden. We hope he may be spared for many years yet amongst us, his advice at all times is always so valuable and sound, but above all there is the great affection that the parishioners as a whole have towards him. Mr C. E. Armstrong was elected people's warden.

The vestry comprise: Dr. Williams and Messrs A. L. Muir, I. R. Mirfield, F. Wrey Nolan, F. K. Tucker, J. A. Renwick, G. K. Pasley, D. J. Sellman, H. Bull and D. O'Halloran.

A Service of Admission was held on June 2nd in the Parish Church to admit ten members to Holy Trinity Girls' Club, when an impressive address on the ideals of the Club was given by the Vicar. During the past year the members bought a piano for use in the temporary Club rooms so as to enable the rooms to be let. This piano will later on be used for concerts and other special functions in the new Parish Hall, the other piano which the members bought ten years ago being used for general Sunday School work, etc. This organisation (the Girls' Club) only vacated the old Schoolroom owing to the intense coldness of the room at night, that being the only time the Club could meet owing to the great majority of its members being in business. Whilst this Club cannot help the Church so much financially as the members would wish to, they strive to give personal service in the spiritual work of the Church. Quite a number of them are Sunday School teachers, while others are in the choir. A special evening was held lately in the Club rooms to do honor to one of its most prominent members, Miss Gypsy Wheeler, when she was presented with a suitable gift from her fellow members. Though Miss Wheeler has been an ardent worker in the Methodist Church here, yet she has always willingly come forward to help whenever an effort for our Church has been made by the Club. Girls from other denominations from 16 years upwards are allowed to join on condition that they keep the rules of the Club (and especially the rule of Communion) in their own Church. The comfortable Club rooms are available for hire

either afternoon or evening for socials, small dances or parties, all crockery, etc., provided, at a very moderate rent. All applications may be made to Miss M. Woodward, 'phone 1121.

The choir of Holy Trinity Church rendered the sacred cantata "The Epiphany," in a most reverent manner, on a Sunday evening recently.

The members of the Gisborne branch of the Fraternity of the Resurrection held their quarterly Corporate Communion on one of the Ember days, Archdeacon H. Williams being the celebrant. A breakfast was afterwards provided for the members in the Schoolroom.

### Waipawa.

We are pleased to report that the choir has again been resuscitated. Miss E. Davy has undertaken the duties of organist; several ladies have joined the choir and together with the older members make quite a good showing (and hearing). Several of the Abbotsford Home children are also helping, so that the choir seats are full when there is a good attendance.

The Kindergarten Sunday School was opened on June 13th in the new Schoolroom under the superintendence of Sister Elsie Smith. Sixteen attended on the opening day and 20 on the next Sunday. We know of many more little children who are coming. The glowing reports that the pupils take home are sure to have a good result, and our only fear is that Sister Elsie Smith will find them increasing in numbers so rapidly that she will be unable to train sufficient assistants to keep pace with them. Miss A. Downer is the pianist, Misses E. Williams and G. Collett are the present assistants.

A euchre party followed by a dance was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., to inaugurate a series of winter social evenings. In spite of the electric current failing the evening passed off very happily and was much appreciated by parishioners and friends. A good proportion of the money raised has been used to buy crockery for use at future evenings. The social was organised by Mrs J. Riddles and Mrs Butterfield.

A children's tea was given to the Sunday School children on Friday evening, 19th inst. There were 86 present though many of these were not pupils of St. Peter's Sunday School. The Sunday School teachers and other ladies had arranged a bountiful tea to which the children did full justice. The rest of the evening was spent in games and rowdy romps and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mr R. Hay amused them with songs, stories and musical selections; Mr Cheers played lively airs on the piano, and Miss Hodge and Miss Thomas