

PAROCHIAL NOTES

TOLAGA BAY.

Vicar: The Rev. Walter H. Smith.

Magazine.—Will all subscribers please note that subscriptions are now due and should be paid to the Vicar. It would greatly help if all subscriptions could be received this month.

Easter.—The services on Good Friday and Easter Day were particularly well attended and the Church was beautifully decorated for which we have to thank the ladies of the Guild. The Vicar wishes to express his very sincere thanks to all who so liberally contributed to the Easter offering and is particularly grateful for the many gifts sent privately by the country residents.

Missions.—We were delighted to receive a visit from Dr. Fox of Melanesia and very grateful to him for his interesting discourse illustrated with lantern slides.

Duplex Finance.—This will be our fourth year under the Duplex System and we have no reason to regret having adopted this method of financing our church work. We shall be glad to receive the names of any fresh subscribers who desire to join the Duplex System.

Ladies' Guild.—The ladies of the Guild met on Friday, the 9th May, and Mrs Eric Loisel presided over a good attendance. Sewing was the order of the afternoon and a pleasant time was spent. After tea was provided by Mrs A. J. Sharpe.

ORMONDVILLE.

The annual meeting was held on May 9, presided over by Mr. T. Fothergill in the absence of the Vicar. A letter from Mr. Whibley was read thanking parishioners for their very generous help during his incumbency, especially mentioning Miss A. Webb, Superintendent of the Sunday School, the staff of teachers, and organists in the various churches.

The Balance Sheet showed a deficit of £41, of which £17 had been carried over from the year before. The new Vestry are Mesdames Kent and Mulholland, Messrs. Palmer (People's Warden), Dampney, Edgely, Fothergill, Williams, Scharre, with power to add representatives from the new portion of the parish, Matamau. Mr. Pease was re-elected auditor.

Mr. Edgely on behalf of the parish thanked Mr. R. J. Whibley, retiring People's Warden, for his many services to the Church during his residence in Ormondville, and expressed the universal regret at his impending departure. The following letter was sent to

the Rev. F. W. Whibley expressing the sorrow of the parishioners at his departure, and asking him to accept a cheque enclosed as a slight expression of the esteem in which he was held.

To Our Beloved Vicar,

On his retirement after 14 years' service in the parish of Ormondville at the great age of 80.

When we think of the activity you have displayed at your great age we can only think of your great courage, and big heart. Your heart and soul were wrapped up in the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ. You were sustained by constant prayer and a firm belief in your Heavenly Father. Your age and experience added power and reverence to your advice, and helped to soothe and fortify the troubled in heart as only he can who is endowed with that saintly spirit always so prominent in a true Christian.

Your parishioners wish you a speedy return to health and strength, and the prayers of your people will follow you into your retirement that you may enjoy your well earned rest, and continue to do God's work in the world by precept and example, by prayer, and by advice to your fellow-men. You are leaving us as Vicar, but in your heart you will always be Vicar to us, and we shall have the same feeling towards you, and often be reminded of you by some kindly word or action.

You carry from this parish our best wishes that you will be long spared to enjoy the evening of your life after the burden and heat of the day. May God bless you in your future life as He has blessed your past labours in this parish, and may your days be Peace, Love and Happiness.

We beg you to accept the enclosed cheque as some small token of the esteem and appreciation in which you are held by your parishioners and well-wishers in the Ormondville Parochial District.

Signed for and on their behalf

Thomas Fothergill, Vicar's Warden.
R. J. Whibley, People's Warden.

WAERENGA-A-HIKA.

Vicar: The Rev. R. Hodgson, L.Th.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners was held in the Native College on May 1st. There was a good attendance of parishioners, who showed a lively interest in their Church's work and activities.

The Balance Sheet which was presented by the Vestry and adopted was a very healthy and encouraging one, and satisfaction was expressed by those present at the healthy condition. The vicar in a short speech said that their

keynote must be one of gratitude to God for the financial condition of the Parish and of encouragement for the future.

Over £220 had been raised during the past year for the Makarake Church and a debt of only £420 required to be raised when the Church would be consecrated.

The general fund of the parish showed a good year despite the fact that nearly £150 had been sent out of the Parish for social and Missionary work; this was most gratifying.

The year ended with a credit balance of £80.

The vicar and other church officers voiced their gratitude to the members of the Ladies' Guilds, organists, Sunday School teachers, church cleaners, Lay-readers, decorators, and all the zealous workers at the Fetes and Winter Show and commented on the family spirit which existed throughout the Parish.

Mr D. P. Cameron in a happy speech voiced the feelings of the meeting in congratulating the office-bearers on presenting such a healthy and encouraging balance sheet.

The Vicar in his letter to the Parishioners said that he yearned for two improvements in the present year—better attendance at the Holy Communion services because that is the index of our spiritual growth and better attendance at the special services in Lent.

Altogether it was a very happy meeting, and perhaps the best annual meeting we have held for some years.

The following church officers were elected amidst applause: Mr E. B. M. Laseron as Vicar's Warden, Mr H. J. Lougher as Peoples' Warden, and Messrs Watson, Eade, Barrow, R. McCullough, Paulson, J. Middlemin, S. Davies, W. Middlemin and J. T. Herbert.

A hearty vote of thanks was conveyed to the headmaster, staff and boys of the college for the use of the college and for much other help.

A social hour was then spent and supper served and the meeting and very enjoyable evening ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S.

Vicar: The Rev. A. Hodge.

Asst. Curate: The Rev. J. Zimmerman.

Our Easter services were a source of real inspiration, and will long be remembered by those who were privileged to be present. On Good Friday the 3-hour service was taken by the Rev. G. B. Stevenson, of Dannevirke, with whom the Vicar had exchanged for this service. In the evening the