

The preparatory arrangements were ably carried out by the local secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Association, Mr. Nesbitt, and there was an excellent muster of ex-servicemen on parade together with the local troops of Scouts and Guide companies. The address was given by the Vicar, while the lessons were read by Mr. C. Parkinson and Mr. F. Coren.

Last month was a month of meetings culminating in the Annual Meeting of Parishioners which was held on Thursday, May 15th, in the Church Hall. The attendance at this meeting testified to the interest taken in Church matters and the whole proceedings were marked by a very happy spirit. The Churchwarden's statement of accounts was presented and adopted. This showed a deficit of £45, a deficit which was largely due to extraordinary expenses which have been incurred in painting and renovating the Church and Vicarage, and one which we hope will very soon be wiped out. A feature of the past year has been the way in which the Ladies' Guilds and the Girls' Club have helped the church financially; they have surpassed themselves in this direction and deserve our very grateful thanks. The following Church officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Wardens: Messrs. J. G. Appleton and L. H. L. MacLean. Vestrymen: Messrs. T. A. Ball, E. W. R. Bousfield, R. D. Dymock, H. M. Harker, R. H. Newman, A. M. Newton and C. Parkinson. Auditor: Mr. J. C. Leggett.

After the conclusion of the business part of the meeting refreshments were served by the St. John's Ladies' Guild and a miscellaneous entertainment was provided. This part of the evening served a useful purpose in that quite a considerable amount of latent talent was unearthed so that we hope the world at large may yet hear of the Te Karaka Dramatic Society.

At the Annual Meeting of the St. John's Ladies' Guild the following ladies were elected to hold office for the coming year:—President: Mrs. Appleton. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. MacLean. Hon. Treasurer: Miss Seamore.

The inclusion of Matawai and Motu within the boundaries of this district will necessitate some adjustment in the order of services and we hope in the course of a few weeks to let every parishioner have a list of the services to be held in the various centres. One innovation will be that on the 3rd Sunday in the month there will be Matins at St. John's Church at 11 a.m. We hope that this service will be a real family service and that all families

within a reasonable radius of the Church will make the effort to be present.

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Rust and his family who have recently come to Waiapoa. Mr. Rust has been appointed to the headmastership of the Waiapoa School and is commended by his former Vicar as a keen and loyal churchman.

#### WAIROA.

Vicar: The Ven. Archdeacon Butterfield, B.D.

Assistant: The Rev. D. J. Hodgson.

Our Mothers' Union resumed its meetings on Tuesday, April 29th, Mrs. Thompson, who has been our energetic secretary for several years, regretfully tendered her resignation, being unable to continue on account of increased responsibilities. The mothers expressed their thanks to Mrs. Thompson for her valuable work. Mrs. G. Fletcher was appointed secretary for this year. Another meeting was held on May 15th, at which Captain Squires, C.A., delivered an inspiring address on the need of combining the characters of Mary and Martha—we need to be people of prayer and devotion and at the same time to be active in the cause of Christ.

A bible class for girls has been started under the leadership of the Rev. D. Hodgson. It meets on Tuesday evenings. Mr. Hodgson also conducts a boys' bible class which meets every Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

Now that we have an assistant curate morning prayer is said at Wairoa at 11 a.m. on three Sundays in the month and we have a daily celebration of Holy Communion.

Mr. Hodgson has started a Scout company again, but we are unable to apply for registration as yet. The membership is about twenty and unless an Assistant Scoutmaster can be obtained no more members can be accepted.

We hope to hold our annual meeting of parishioners very soon.

There are several adults and some young people asking for confirmation. It is not convenient to hold the regular confirmation classes during winter, but we hope the Bishop will be able to hold a special confirmation service soon for which a limited number of candidates will be prepared privately. Captain Squires, C.A., has several candidates at the Public Works Camps.

Our Easter services were fairly well attended—there were, altogether, about 170 Communicants, but a large number of our Communicants were away on holiday. The Vicar expresses his

sincere thanks to parishioners for their Easter offerings.

#### WAIAPAWA.

Vicar The Rev. J. Pigott.

The annual meeting of parishioners was held on May 1st the Vicar presiding over an attendance of about fifty church members. The balance sheet showed a credit balance of eleven shillings. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.—Vicar's Churchwarden, Dr. W. H. Anderson; People's Churchwarden, Mr. Macfarlane; Vestry, Mesdames Anderson and Macgregor, Miss Moorhead, Messrs. Everard Jull (Hon. Sec. and Treas.), Albert Jull and Riddles; Hon. Auditor, Mr. H. C. Collett; Cemetery Trustees, No. 1 Mr. Pratley, No. 2 Mr. Riddles, No. 3 Mr. Edward Bibby. One Trustee to retire at each annual meeting but to be eligible for re-election. Duplex Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Duncan Maclean. After the business portion of the meeting the Vicar left the chair and Dr. Anderson on behalf of the parishioners presented the retiring Churchwarden and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chambers with a travelling rug, a pair of leather gloves, and a sandwich tray. He also presented Miss Grenside, the retiring Duplex Treasurer with a travelling rug. Dr. Anderson said these retiring officers had set us all an example of service willingly rendered which should be an example to every member of the Church. He wished more people would come to the Wednesday evening Intercession Service and make prayer the foundation of all our work. After supper had been partaken of, games, competitions and dancing concluded a very pleasant social evening.

The Vestry met at the Vicarage after intercession in the Church on Wednesday evening, May 14th. An apology was received from the People's Churchwarden, Mr. Macfarlane, who was previously engaged to attend another meeting. Discussion ensued on the ever recurring subject of the Diocesan Gazette. A motion by Mr. Riddles to the effect that every parishioner be asked to pay for his Gazette lapsed failing to find a seconder. It was pointed out that many were so paying for them either directly or by including the amount 3s 6d in their Duplex contributions. The question then arose—how to pay for them? Dr. Anderson proposed that £5 be sent to the Diocesan Secretary on account of £20 owing. This was carried on the casting vote of the Chairman.

Discussion then arose on the Parish Endowment Fund. Mr. Albert Jull questioned its legality and the Secre-