

The Waiapu Church Gazette

DIocese OF WAIAPU.

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Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. R. E. H. Pilson.

All correspondence and literary matter is to be sent to The Editor, Waiapu Church Gazette, The Vicarage, TARADALE, and should reach him not later than the 18th of the month.

TWENTY-FIFTH SYNOD.

The third annual session of the above Synod will commence its business in Napier on Thursday, October 12th. At 10.30 a.m. Synod will meet in the Church of St. John. Following the roll call of members there will be a celebration of Holy Communion. The president will deliver his charge. At 2.30 p.m. Synod will re-assemble in the Synod Hall for the transaction of business. The following is a brief outline of Synod's programme:—

Friday, October 13th.—10 a.m., Conference of Clergy.

Saturday, October 14th.—10 a.m., Conference of Maori Standing Committees.

Sunday, October 15th.—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., choral celebration of Holy Communion (preacher, Rev. J. J. Anderson); 7 p.m., Evensong (preacher, Ven. Archdeacon Butterfield).

Monday, October 16th.—10 a.m., Conference of Lay Members of Synod and Lay Readers.

The hours of session on each sitting day will probably be from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. and from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Daily Services will be held in St. John's Church during Synod as follows:—

7.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m., Matins.

7.15 p.m., Evensong (except Saturday).

A special notice is issued reminding members of Synod that the election of Clerical and Lay Representatives to attend the General Synod will be held during the session of the Synod. There will undoubtedly be much interest shown in this election, as the next General Synod will be held in Napier.

QUIET DAY.

The conductor of the Quiet Day this year is the Rev. E. M. Cowie, M.A., Vicar of Khandallah. The services which are to be held in the Ormond Chapel, commence at 7.15 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11th, and conclude at 4 p.m. with Evensong.

EDITORIAL.

Board of Missions Chairman.—This Diocese will rejoice in the honour that has been conferred upon our Bishop in his election to the above position. We are sure that we speak for all Church people when we respectfully offer our congratulations to His Lordship, and wish him a long and happy term of office.

Synod is again upon us, and without doubt the fortunes of our Church Gazette will be widely discussed. We believe the Gazette has paid its way, and that is matter for thankfulness. But earnest consideration is necessary in dealing with the circulation of the paper. It was thought at last Synod that an attractive cover would do the trick. But alas and alack! we have tried two attractive covers (at least some think so), without any appreciable advance being made. To-day we try yet another colour, and we trust that members of Synod will be so charmed with it, that they will return to their various parishes determined not only to increase the number of subscribers, but to obtain advertisers to fill in the "waste places" on both covers.

The Printer's Devil.—We have often wondered whether this is a real being, or purely a mythical creation. But now we know, as surely as Kipling's men who saw the sea-serpent were sure. By his fruits we know him. It could be no myth that dared

to accuse such esteemed contributors as our Bishop, Archdeacon Maclean, Canon Neild and others of digging up facts of history that are much better forgotten, and even of emphasising them. In a reply to a correspondent on page 8, para. 2 of our last issue, we read "stressing undesirable historical facts." The editor wrote "undeniable," but the old serpent won by a stroke of real genius. We tender our sincere apologies to our contributors. It must have been a bad season for editors of Church papers last month, as in a southern journal we saw that a "Guild of Sinners" were commended on excellent services rendered. A harassed editor explained that he said "Guild of Servers."

MOTHERS' UNION.

DIocese OF WAIAPU.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The Mothers' Union of the Waiapu Diocese held its annual meeting in Napier on August 30th, the Rt. Rev. Herbert Williams, Bishop of Waiapu, presiding over an excellent attendance of members and friends. Also on the dais were the diocesan president, Mrs Herbert Williams, Deaconess Brand and Mrs W. Norman (secretary). Dean Brocklehurst, the Rev. A. Hodge and the Rev. B. R. Brierley were also in attendance.

Following the reading of the annual report, which, together with the balance sheet, was adopted, appreciation of the splendid work which had been carried out during the year by the secretary, Mrs Norman, was expressed by Mrs M. W. Henley. Mrs Williams supported Mrs Henley's remarks.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs Herbert Williams; vice-presidents: Mrs M. W. Henley (Napier), Mrs J. H. Hansard (Napier), and Mrs A. F. Hall (Gisborne); secretary and treasurer, Mrs W. Norman; literature associate, Mrs Waddell; G.F.S. representative, Mrs J. B. Brocklehurst; correspondent in England, Mrs G. H. Morse.

The annual report of the Mothers' Union in the Waiapu Diocese shows