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ADVENT.

THE END OF THE WORLD.

(By the Editor.)

Not many days ago we were told in all seriousness—and not for the first time-that soon our Lord would return to this earth. It would not be later than 1936, and this time His advent would be heralded by dreadful and unmistakable portents in sky and earth. Further, He was coming again, not in Mercy, but in Wrath. wrath so unspeakable that only the very elect would be saved. They would be caught up "to meet Him in the air"; but the rest-millions, yea, and tens of millions of them, even all those who were not found in Himwould be remorselessly destroyed. The vials of Divine Wrath would utterly consume them and the whole earth.

But enough! Perhaps that bald statement of a dreadful case will suffice to set us pondering on these things.

SCRIPTURAL WARRANT ALLEGED.

We are well aware that Holy Scripture is invoked in support of this theory. There is not one jot or tittle of lurid apocalyptic writing—and there is a great deal of it—in the Bible, which is not wrested from its Biblical and historical context in order to give a form of words to this doctrine.

Unfortunately, the brief space of one article does not permit the complete refutation of such a use of Holy Writ; we will merely content ourselves by declaring, with emphasis, that it is an unwarranted, un-Christian, and even un-Scriptural inference, and that it ignores volumes of teaching in the Bible pointing in an entirely opposite direction. Perhaps some one will be led to examine the implications of the prayer our Lord Himself hath taught us: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done in earth as it is in

Heaven." From that study one might well go on to see what Scripture has to say about the Golden Age of the Reign of God on earth. That, of course, will mean the shedding of lots of prejudices, and a very definite return to the Bible and to the Gospel of Good News as given by our Blessed Lord.

IS THE THEORY BELIEVED?

It is quite possible that this article will call down vials of wrath upon the writer's head; nevertheless, before they are poured out, he will ask the advocates of the Cataclysmic Theory this question: Do they really and truly believe God is going to act this way—or in any manner approaching such diabolism?

Let us put them to a simple test. Amongst the believers in this doctrine are many, not only good, but also quite rich, people. Well then, will those who confidently affirm our Lord's Return in power and wrath in 1936 or thereabouts, take from their private fortunes sufficient-and we will allow them a little over for emergencies-to last until then, and give the whole balance to Christian Missions, or evangelism, or other definitely Christian work? There is a story told of a wealthy merchant in a New Zealand city who went so far as to climb a hill in his neighbourhood one Easter morning, believing that the Parousia was due then. During the preceding week, however, he refused quite a generous offer for his business. Now let faith be shown by works, and if this terrible judgment is at hand, our obvious duty is to spend and give and labour to snatch souls from the burning-unless, alas! as some affirm, the number of the Elect is already made up.

HISTORY AND THE THEORY.

It is perhaps unnecessary to point out that the first Christians had to revise their ideas on the Parousia. The evidence is in the New Testament. But man has never been content with our Lord's explicit declaration that "of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not even the

Son, but the Father only." In fact, some of these interpreters have said: "No, not the day nor the hour, but that does not preclude us from fixing the week, month and year!" Comment is superfluous, save to say that those who disagree with the theory would not dare to take such liberties with the Words of our Lord. Hence years have been fixed. Most ingenious calculations have been made, and A.D. 1000, 1854, 1865, 1912 and 1929 were all proved from Daniel, Revelation, and, of course, the Pyramids, to be most assuredly the year of our Lord's Return.

We will close this writing with some words on this point from the late Dr. A. S. Peake's "Revelation of John," a work which all Christian people would do well to read. After showing the "repeated failures of the attempts to construct a prophetic almanac." Peake continues, "undaunted by disillusion, unwarned by failure, our own time still sees the calculators busy at work, their futile labours to receive at the hands of history their inexorable rebuke. It is still fresh in my memory how I heard one of the most prominent exponents fix the date of the Second Coming April 11th, 1901, at three o'clock in the afternoon (N.B.-Jerusalem time!); and how with amusement I watched him wriggling forward to new positions as the preliminary events failed to make their punctual appearance, first, if my memory serves me rightly, to 1908, subsequently to the early twenties. All this was before the great European War, and certainly it is not surprising that this appalling catastrophe should have greatly encouraged our modern soothsayers" (p.p. 155, 156).

On this great subject there have been, and will continue to be, wide divergences of opinion. The Church will still confidently affirm "We believe that HE shall come." But let us not seek to pry into the "times and the seasons," but rather listen more earnestly to the solemn words of our Lord, "Be ye therefore ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

A Merry Christmas.

A Christmas Carol.

(Christina Rossetti.)

In the bleak mid-Winter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone:
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-Winter,
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-Winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty

Enough for him, whom Cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk,
And a mangerful of hay:

Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom Angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and Seraphim
Thronged the air—
But only his mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
Wth a kiss.

What can I give him
Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man
I would do my part;

Yet what can I give him—
Give my heart.

LET US NOW GO EVEN UNTO BETHLEHEM.

(Rev. H. Speight.)

In the Christmas story we read how three types of people went to Bethle-The shepherds-typical of the poor and of the workers in all ageswent there and received a message of goodwill to every human soul. That was revealed and exemplified further in the life of Jesus as a working man, in His ministry to the poor and the suffering, and in the spirit of comradeship which He brought into He enabled men to face the world. boldly the issues of life, and showed Himself as the Companion of every man in all his troubles. The Wise Men came, and Jesus showed to them the way of humility. In .our day science seems at last to be beginning to understand that there are more things in heaven and earth than have been dreamed of in its philosophy. Often it has been too well satisfied Too often it has forwith itself. gotten that the deepest knowledge is the knowledge how to live. But coming to Bethlehem, it may learn that the needs of the human soul, far beyond its learning and its skill to explain or to satisfy, are met in the development in men of that humble spirit of likeness to Jesus.

Then Herod-he stands for selfishcruel worldliness, fearing that its power should be challenged by a different spirit. There is something of Herod in each one of us, a desire for supremacy, a selfish idea of our Jesus came to own importance. show that the greatest force in life is not position, nor knowledge, nor wealth, nor power-but character. He showed that character is not dependent upon worldly circumstance. Goodness, though cradled with the beasts, though housed in a cottage, though persecuted and slain, is yet the greatest thing upon earth.

So let us go now even unto Bethlehem that that character may be born in us. For after all, Christmas is not a date in the Calendar. It is not so much something that happened nineteen hundred years ago—though

of course that is true—it is something that happens every day. The only Christmas really worth keeping is Christ's birth in us. It is only the pure, the gentle, the patient, the faithful, carrying bravely their cross, serving their fellowmen, making life sweeter, striving after the highest, who have at all seen Christ in the manger, and understood in any degree the words, "To you is born this day a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

He's God Himself come down from Heaven to raise us when we fall; He's come to heal us when we're sick; to hear us when we call;

He didn't come to judge the world; He didn't come to blame;

He didn't only come to seek; it was to save He came;

And when we call Him Saviour, we call Him by His Name.

PARISH NOTES.

WAIROA.

We are in the throes of preparation for our big All Nations Fair. Never has more enthusiasm been shown or a larger number of people interested and given fine weather, the fair should be a great success. Elocutionary and music competitions have just been held as a preliminary to the fair. The organisation was in the hands of Miss Kenny, Miss Edser and Mr Mc-Natty, they and their enthusiastic assistants are to be congratulated on a splendid success. The Schoolroom was full at the ordinary sessions and the theatre was packed upstairs and downstairs on demonstration night. Some of the children showed wonderful talent and all concerned are to be congratulated on the excellent per-It is hardly necessary formances. to remark that we are indebted to members of all denominations for their enthusiastic support. This is characteristic of Wairoa where the relations between various denominations are most friendly.

The Bishop held a confirmation on November 9th and confirmed 5 male and 5 female candidates who for various reasons were unable to be present at the usual confirmation on July 29th last.

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FIFTH BISHOP OF NELSON CONSECRATION AND ENTHRONE

MENT. The impressive service of the con-

secration of the Rev. William George Hilliard, M.A., as fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Nelson, followed by the enthronement ceremony of the new Bishop, took place, morning and evening in the Cathedral Church of Nelson on the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, the twenty-second Sunday after Trinity. The historic site whereon the the Cathedral stands has witnessed no more impressive ceremony, nor have the precincts been graced by

a more complete assemblage of high

dignitaries of the Church in New Zea-

At the consecration service

beautiful Cathedral was thronged with

the

Clergy

land.

devout worshippers to witness take part. The Primate of New Zealand, the Most. Rev. Archbishop A. W. Averill, D.D., conducted the service, assisted by the Most, Rev. Archbishop H. W. K. Mowll, D.D. (Archbishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of New South Wales); the Rt. Rev. Campbell West-Watson, D.D. (Bishop of Christchurch), the Rt. Rev. C. A. Cherrington (Bishop of Waikato), the Rt. Rev. H. W. Williams (Bishop of Waiapu), the Rt. Rev. F. A. Bennett (Bishop of Actearoa), the Rt. Rev. T. H. Sprott, O.B.E., D.D. (Bishop of

Wellington), the Rt. Rev. W. A. Fit-

from widespread areas were present.

chett (Bishop of Dunedin).

During the singing of the Introit which opened the service, the procession, led by the choir, entered the Cathedral, followed by the lay members of the Synod, the lay readers, the Registrar of the Diocese and the Church Advocate, the visiting clergy, the clergy of the diocese, the members of the Cathedral Chapter, the archdeacons of the diocese, the Dean (the Very Rev. P. B. Haggitt), the Bishop-elect attended by his chaplain (the Ven. Archdeacon Kimberley)

by their chaplains, the Archbishop of Sydney attended by his chaplain (the Ven. Archdeacon Johnstone), the Chancellor of the Diocese (Mr T. E. Maunsell), the chaplain to the Archbishop bearing the Primatial Cross. the Archbishop and the Archbishop's chaplains. The bright colours of the robes of

the Bishops of the Province attended

the high dignitaries mingled with the black and white of the many other clergymen made the procession, as it slowly moved forward, a most impressive sight. After the singing of a hymn, the service of Holy Communion was proceeded with to the end of the Nicene

Creed, the Epistle being read by the

Bishop of Waiapu, and the Gospel by

the Bishop of Waikato; then the ser-

mon, preached by the Most. Rev. the Archbishop of Sydney, preceded by the the Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Praver. (We hope in our next issue to publish extracts from the Archbishop's sermon.-Ed.

DR. SYDNEY NICHOLSON Dr. Nicholson's visit to Napier on November 5th, was an event of no

small importance. There was a good attendance of choir members and The clergy others at his lecture. and organists from various places in Hawke's Bay were there and those from Wairoa and Gisborne. good report was published in the Hawke's Bay Herald of November 6th. The lecture was preceded by a service of nine lessons interspersed with hymns of the nine church seasons.

The combined choirs rendered the

hymns, under Dr. Nicholson's baton,

very creditably. Dr. Nicholson in his lecture traced briefly the history of Church music in England for the past 1400 years and emphasised the great improvements brought about as the result of the Oxford Movement. One of these was the institution of parish choirs where previously there had been only a barrel organ, or a village orchestra and the parish clerk. But the music of parish churches had not always been kept on right lines, and some had been allowed to creep in utterly unworthy of its sacred purpose.

bishop of Canterbury and York to suggest reforms and the School of English Church Music was endeavouring to carry out the reforms suggested by this commission. established, Nicholas," about ten miles from London, as a training centre: the choristers at St. Nicholas gave demonstrattions some of which have been re-

> can be obtained in New Zealand. Dr. Nicholson demonstrated some of the records on a gramophonechiefly showing the right way of singing the Versicles and responses and the method of chanting in natural The audience free rhythm. most enthusiastic and it is confidently hoped that all the chief choirs in the diocese will shortly abandon the unsatisfactory methods of the past and adopt the reformed ones as set out in Dr. Nicholson's parish psalter. There are over one thousand choirs affiliated with the School of English Church Music, a large number more have

After the lecture Dr. Nicholson was shown copies of the three choir festival books that were used in 1923, 1924 and 1925, and congratulated the compilers on the work they had done, the character of which he very highly appreciated.

to join up.

BIBLE CLASS CAMP.

May I once again make this brief but earnest appeal on behalf of the Committee for the Bible Class Camp, for more support to be given towards the Annual Camp and Conference to be held at Havelock North, over the Christmas. The Committee have arrangements well in hand, but we do feel that more support both in kind, and finance is needed. One person has sent in a donation, will all readers take note and please let us know as soon as possible what you can do. Send to Mr. J. Cowlrick, Fitzroy Ave., Hastings. C. E. HYDE, Chairman.

joined recently as the result of Dr. Nicholson's tour in Australia, several in the Waiapu diocese intend

PREVENTION OF WAR.

RESOLUTION OF SYNOD.

The evil of militarism, its power to bring about disaster, and the futility of an armaments race between the nations, was the keynote of a motion and speech by the Rev. O. S. O. Gibson (Tauranga) to Synod. Though the League of Nations had suffered many failures, it had settled 29 disputes, several of which might had led to another war, he said. After discussing the subject at some length, Synod resolved to agree to the motion.

His motion was, "That this Synod, believing that God's Will for the world is co-operation and peace between the nations, all men being children of the one great Family of God, views with alarm and deep regret the present international situation, tending, as it does, to another disastrous race in armaments. It believes that the Church has a solemn responsibility to show leadership and that every individual member should think peace and work for peace. Furthermore, it urges upon Christian people the vital and urgent necessity of bearing steady and consistent witness to the Christian ideal, and of helping by all possible means any organisation or movement, such as the League of Nations, which tends to promote the peace of the world."

In speaking to his motion, Mr Gibson said the world yearned for peace, but the nations were dominated. by the fear of war. The issue was primarily a moral one, and vitally concerned the Christian Church. Peace was more than the absence of war; it was positive, constructive, and meant nothing less than the building of the Kingdom of God on earth. In saying this he was quoting the words on the front of a circular issued by representatives of the Christian Church at a meeting of witness in London in October of last year.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.

These representatives unanimously approved an affirmation of Christian faith as follows: Firstly, that God at this time is calling the nations of the world to learn to live as one family. Secondly, that the machinery of international co-operation provided by the League of Nations, while not yet per-

fect, affords the best available means of applying the principles of the Gospel of Christ to stop war, to provide justice, and to organise peace. Thirdly, that the application of these principles constitutes the only practical politics of the present time. Fourthly, that Christian people should pray, and resolve that by these means, faith shall be kept, confidence restored and there shall be no more war.

Mr Gibson said that the gravity of the present situation must be clear to everybody. Cable reports might be exaggerated at times, but there could be no doubt that a remarkable attitude of mistrust and fear existed between the nations. There had been a general failure to reach agreement about disarmament, and also even about limitation of armaments.

"We have seen a recent announcement that the British Air Force is to be largely increased," he continued. "Even in New Zealand recent estimates provide for greatly increased expenditure on naval and military strength. A total of £1,000,000 is now available. Once again we are, as it were, on the edge of a volcano which needs very little to be made active. This in spite of the fact that the allied nations gave to Germany the following solemn pledge: 'The Allied and Associated Powers wish to make it clear that their requirements in regard to German armaments were not made solely with the object of making it impossible for Germany to resume her policy of military aggression. They are also the first step towards the reduction and limitation of armaments which they seek to bring about as one of the most fruitful preventives of war, and which it will be one of the first duties of the League of Nations to promote.'

EXCUSE FOR HITLERISM.

"Fallure to carry out this pledge has undoubtedly given at all events an excuse for Hitlerism with its militaristic tendency. Another illustration of the danger is to be found in some of the speeches of Mussolini, of which the following is an example: 'It was I, myself, who ordered this review, because words are a very fine thing, but muskets, machine-guns, aeropianes and guns are even better; because right, if unaccompanied by might, is a vain word.'"

One had sometimes imagined, the speaker continued, that, on the whole, since the Great War, armaments had been reduced. The real position was that there had been general increases—Great Britain 48 per cent., France 57 per cent., Italy 114 per cent., Russia 56 per cent., U.S.A. 135 per cent., Japan 143 per cent., and Germany a 50 per cent. decrease. Great Britain alone was spending £120,000,000 a year and yet could not maintain a position of supremacy.

"The position is a tragic one," he went on, "and it is impossible to avoid feeling that it has been largely created by armament firms. The peoples in general want peace, vast forces must be operating against peace being kept. The Press has lately given remarkable accounts of the disclosures made in America. The American Government has been implicated in armament profits. It is to be feared that all Governments, where possible, are similarly affected. None would deny that there were great international rings operating, and the representative of one leading British firm said recently: 'We don't care who has a whack at whom, so long as we get the orders.'

"There is a veritable traffic in death," he said. "Certain vested interests thrive on the slaughter men, women and children. The League of Nations has appealed in vain to the various Governments to take steps against armaments traffic. It is clear, then, that definite organisation for peace is necessary. It is no use waiting until war breaks out. The League of Nations provides readymade machinery. The League has been criticised and condemned. As a recent military speaker has put it: 'If another war breaks out, I think it will mean the end of the League; that will be something to the good.

"It is true that the League has had failures, some of them serious. It has also had many successes. Twentynine disputes have been settled, several of which might easily have led to another war. The nations themselves decide the strength or the weakness of the League. It is often said the Church has failed; yet such failure as has come has been due to the fact that all the members of the church have not done their part. After all, the League has been

tried for only 15 years—the other method had been tried for, shall we say, 2000 years, and the value of the League has been emphasised again and again by our national and religious leaders.

CHALLENGE TO CHURCH.

"His Majesty, the King, has said: "Nothing is more essential that a strong and enduring League of Nations. Millions of British men and women stand ready to help, if only they be shown the way. I commend the cause to all the citizens of the Empire." The challenge to the Church was very definite. It must emphasise that war was contrary to the Will of God; that it caused untold suffering to God's people; that it set back God's purpose.

"We must face the fundamental causes of war, hatred and fear, not one of which can find a place in the Christian life. Our doctrine may not be popular, it may be dangerous, but it will be a gesture of loyalty to the Prince of Peace. Hatred and fear are preventing progress towards peace. Christ alone can cast out these evil spirits. If another war should come. the horror will be indescribable. It has been suggested now that the enemy should be paralysed by light beams and then mowed down with machine-guns. Need more he said."

CHURCH TEACHING.

An important issue decided by the Synod was the acceptance of a report by a special commission upon Christian life and faith. One feature brought down in the report was: "It is not enough to impart knowledge about wonderful events of long ago; it is necessary to teach of a living God in action in our life now."

This commission consisted of Archdeacon Chatterton and Maclean (convenor), Canon Rice, Revs. R. T. Hall, O. S. Gibson, F. I. Parsons, R. Hodgson, A. R. H. Morris, Messrs G. C. Williams, H. G. Wellbourne, J Taylor,

Inter alia, the report said that as the result of meetings among men at Rotorua and Gisborne, it became evident that there was a conscious need for more teaching from the pulpit, and for literature about what the Church believed and taught.

there was need for more teaching of the essentials of Christian belief. both in sermons and in Sunday School lessons, because many people did not know what was the Church's faith.

"The teaching, for instance, of Old Testament history and of the travels of St. Paul, supplied a valuable background which should be part of a Christian's knowledge, but these subjects must be taught in full consciousness of the saving truths of the Faith of Christ. It is not enough to impart knowledge about wonderful events of long ago; it is necessary to teach of a living God in action in our life now," the report continued.

Many people did not come to Church to hear the teaching given there, and visiting by the clergy offered an opportunity which should be used to the full. It was obvious also that there was a wide field of work for laymen, and a special opportunity for such a society as the C.E.M.S. in holding meetings for discussion, and in being ready to use opportunities of discussion on matters of religion.

The commission was agreed that books should be used to the full to give instruction, and therefore suggested that every effort should be made to have suitable books available at the church and elsewhere in the parish. It was very conscious of its having touched only the fringe of the task, and would like to continue the work, but its usefulness depended upon the fullest possible co-operation by members of Synod and the diocese as a whole.

Archdeacon K. E. Maclean, who introduced the report, said it was important because it was the Church's self-examination. The report contained suggestions derived from people who no longer attended their churches, and who gave their reasons for staying away. The Church was not afraid to face up to the problems of to-day. In fact, she was very much alive to them, and only needed them to be brought out into the open to answer them. It was generally agreed that there was a great need for the dissemination of good church literature, which was procurable at reasonable prices.

It was the wish of Synod that the The commission was agreed that commission should continue in office.

THE BOND OF PRAYER.

"And so the whole round earth is every way

Bound by golden chains about the feet of God."

The Most Rev. Archbishop Mowil recently visited Napier, and none of those present will soon forget his notable address. The most abiding impression he made was that he was a real believer in Prayer. It is to him a vital experience, and it was almost startling to hear his Grace tell us that on his faraway Chinese Mission. loyal Christian men and women had prayed for us during the earthquake, and that regular intercessions were still made there for us. The following extract from the Polynesian branch Gazette shows how the Archbishop has taught his people to link up the whole world in the bond of praver.

"Whilst in Sydney earlier in the year the new Archbishop of Sydney told me of the prayers on our behalf of Christians in his old Diocese of Western China. A letter to his successor has brought this reply." (Bishop Kempthorne.)

20th July, 1934.

My dear Bishop.

Your letter of May 16th was awaiting me on my arrival here in Chengtu a day or two ago after a long continuous journey of some four months, and I was very glad indeed to receive it. I have the pleasantest recollection of conversations with you at Lambeth four years ago and it is good to hear from you again.

It will be a happy duty for me to tell the Christians in Czechwan something of your work in your scattered diocese, where I suppose in spite of the great differences outwardly the real problems are pretty much the same as our own; and I shall encourage our people to continue their prayers that by God's grace the only true solution of them may be worked cut, both in individual lives and in the corporate life of the Church.

The journey which I have just concluded has taken me through the greater part of my new diocese, and a large part of the region I traversed was that which has recently been occupied for varying periods by Com-

Over one-third or munist forces. one-half of this huge diocese, the people have suffered most directly during the last eighteen months at Tens of hands of these violent men. thousands of people have been slaughtered in cold blood, and amongst these have been not a few of the Christians Many keen young of our Church. men have been compelled to follow the Red army, and over the greater part of the Northern area nearly every church building is at present occupied by Government forces, who are playing the locust to the Communists' palmerworm. In many places opium, which is one of the principal sources of Government revenue, has wrought dreadful havoc, and it is difficult to see, humanly speaking, how it can be otherwise in a community in which the use of the drug has ceased to be regarded as a social vice. But the picture is not entirely dark, and even in the places where the difficulties have been greatest there are those who have remained faithful. In the West and South and partly in the East of the diocese there is much encouragement, and no small response is being made to the efforts to bring the Gospel to those who need it.

In the Chinese Diocesan Quarterly, which is shortly to be issued, I will convey your message and greetings to the Church, which I am sure would like the same to be reciprocated.

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN HOLDEN,

Bishop.

BISHOP HILLIARD'S SERMON AT ENTHRONEMENT.

Bishop Hilliard said he wished to convey to his congregation a meaning of the deep sense of privilege and responsibility with which he stood before them that evening; and also express his very deep appreciation of all the consecrated effort and graceful friendliness that had made that day such a memorable occasion and the services so beautiful and inspiring. He thought that all the people of the diocese and himself owed a great debt of gratitude to the members of the episcopate aand their chaplains who had travelled so far to be present on a day so important in Nelson's diocesan life. They had come from all parts of New Zealand and from Australia, spelling out in ecclesiastical terms the old word Anzac which had great significance in our imperial and inter-national life. Bishop Hilliard expressed his gratitude to them, and he would warmly treasure their kindness in his memory. Not only had he been blessed with expressions of goodwill and friendliness from his contemporaries in New Zealand, but he had received a cable from his widely revered and greatly beloved predecessor, Bishop Sadlier: "Remember all Sunday Psalm 121." All would know, went on Bishop Hilliard, that that was the great travellers' psalm. "I will life up mine eyes to the hills." In this it was related how the pilgrims came up to Jerusalem, to the visible signs of the invisible presence of the great King; and as they went away they carried with them the sacred and inspiring recollection of His Word, and also a reminder that the God whose Presence they had been enabled to realise was going with them, as they turned their back upon that time of inspiration, along the dusty road among all the tasks, and all the warfare of their journey. "And so, at the close of this day of inspiration, that note is still with us." They had been privileged to have come to the mountain top of the vision of inspiration, and paused before once more going down. The speaker thought thus when he bore in mind the catholic character of their faith to-day, and he felt that that inspiration was aptly summed up in the Second Lesson read by the Primate that evening. St. Paul was proud of his Roman citizenship. and his heart had thrilled when a boy, he had heard tales of the daring of that great empire; and at last he had come to Rome. The speaker could well imagine St. Paul's feelings, for they must have been similar to those which he would experience should be, born in Australia, stand in the centre of the Empire in Westminster Abbey or under the dome of St. Paul. Albeit as a prisoner, St. Paul had come to the heart of the Roman Empire, and thought how that city had started from small beginnings; and his mind had turned to the thought of another empire prepared through many centuries from small beginnings, fostered by love of God, destined to gather in the people of all nations. This great thought of the holy catholic church was in the chapter of the epistle read that evening, St. Paul spoke of the varied gifts bestowed by the Lord. All those varied gifts, said St. Paul, were given for one purpose: That they might be consecrated for the work of the ministry, for the building of a catholic church where all would proceed to the perfect humanity. "What a wonderful vision he has set before us! Grant that it may never depart." It was a great challenge to international relationships to think that God was calling for goodwill all over the world torealise His purpose of building up a each particular perfect humanity, people bringing into it its special contribution to the total sum of human effort. We were bidden to become unselfish. Instead of selfish competition for personal gain there should be loving co-operation for the common good. "I am convinced that we have in the world sufficient economic knowledge, scientific resource and material good to restore this sad, sorry world and solve all its problems and stress if all were but consecrated to the common good." God had given some wealth, some knowledge, some other knowledge, and these gifts were given that they might be consecrated to secure unity by faith in Him. Studdert Kennedy's lines were quoted: "The day will come when through the night" . . . "When all the world looks up because of Him." The speaker said he did not see any need for conflict between conviction and co-operation, and while he stood uncompromisingly behind certain principles, he was willing, anxious and eager to co-operate as an evangelical churchman in the most truthful and friendly manner with all his brethren in the great common task of realising the vision of the catholic church. Our great responsibility was to consecrate our talents in brotherhood. "Let us look above the roof of the Roman prison where the Apostle sits in bondage, to the Heaven above where the Lord dwells. Let us pledge ourselves afresh with all our gifts and talents for the great task to which He calls us, and for which He has endowed us, to a perfect measure of the completeness of Christ."

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MOTHERS' UNION.

Dear Fellow Members-

As 1934 draws to a close we, as members of the Mothers' Union, are leaving behind us a year that should have proved one of outstanding progress and deepening of spiritual devotion. Our Call to Renewal Movement was launched to inspire in us the desire for greater spiritual strength and higher ideals. Let us not be discouraged if in endeavouring to respond sincerely to the "call" we have been so conscious of our weaknesses that we have often been compelled to say: "Lord, it is my chief complaint; that my love is weak and faint." instead of being downcast and disheartened at our lack of progress let us try to remember that Christ Himsely says, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." With this promise in our hearts we will have confidence to follow the star that leads to Bethlehem and, with the three wise men, to rejoice with exceeding great joy when we also see the young Child and His mother, Mary, and that we may fall down and worship Him and in the light of God's Presence hear those oftrepeated comforting words. "Fear not." With these words singing in our hearts let us step over the threshhold of 1935, wishing peace and goodwill to all men and singing confidently the words of this beautiful hymn because we know, by prayer and faith, they will be a reality to us during the coming year:-

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight

Make you His service your delight, Your want shall be His care.

Your Friend and Secretary,
MABEL DORMAN.

MOTHERS' UNION

The annual meeting of the Mothers' Union of the Diocese of Waiapu was held in Napier, there being a good attendance of members. The Bishop of Waiapu, the Rt. Rev. Herbert Williams, presided, and with him on the dais were Mrs Williams and Mrs W. Norman, secretary. Also present were the Very Rev. Dean Brocklehurst, the Rev. Klingender and Canon Rice, of Waipukurau.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Herbert Williams; vice-presidents, Mesdames R. W. Hansard, M. W. Henley and J. B. Brocklehurst; secertary and treasurer, Mrs. Norman; literature secretary, Mrs. A. Waddell; Girls' Friendly Society representative, Mrs. H. Mayo; correspondent in England, Mrs. Morse.

The bishop briefly addressed those present on "The Sanctity of Marriage."

ANNUAL REPORT

Extracts from the annual report are:

There are now 23 branches, with a membership of 675. This is a slight increase on last year, but not sufficient, considering that two new branches have been formed. We feel that it is not too much to hope that Waiapu will have a membership of 1000 in the near future.

The first meeting of the Diocesan Council was held on February 20, 1934. The usual meetings have been held during the year, and have been well attended.

Dominion Council.-On Wednesday, August 23, 1933, the Dominion Council of the Mothers' Union was held in Wellington. Her Excellency, Lady Bledisloe, patroness, attended welcomed the delegates. The honorary secretary represented Waiapu. Delegates were also present from Wellington, Auckland, Dunedin, Christchurch and Waikato. The report of the Dominion Council showed that there are 208 branches, with a membership of 7249, in New Zealand.

CALL TO RENEWAL

With the opening of the new year the foremost thought in our hearts and minds was the Call to Renewal movement. How successful this movement has been can only be answered by each individual member. Three special days were set apart so that members could have an opportunity of joining our world-wide intercessions.

A quiet day was held in St. John's Cathedral on October 4th. Holy Communion was celebrated at 10 a.m., Canon Hodge being the celebrant. The services were continued throughout the day, ending with evensong at 4 p.m.

On April 10th all branches throughout Waiapu took part in the chain of intercession that was surrounding all parts of the Empire.

On June 5th thanksgiving services were held in St. John's Cathedral. Holy Communion was celebrated at 10.30 a.m. and at 2.30 p.m. a general thanksgiving service was held. The Very Rev. Dean Brocklehurst conducted all the services and gave a most helpful and inspiring address.

The annual festival was held on September 27, 1933, in St. John's Cathedral. There was a good attendance, the branches being well represented.

The branches throughout Waiapu were asked to contribute to a united gift to Miss King. We are pleased to state that the sum of £3 15s was sent to England from the Waiapu Diocese.

THANKS

We wish to thank all who have helped us during the year—Mrs. Morse, our correspondent in England, for her letters and continued interest; Nurse Carter for presiding at the organ on our special days; Mr Pilson for auditing our books; Miss Prebble for typing our circulars; the editor of the Waiapu Church Gazette for space to publish our notes; and to all workers and friends who have given their services so faithfully.

The various branch reports were also presented.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The annual festival of the Mothers' Union was held at St. Matthew's Church, Hastings, on Tuesday last. There was a large attendance, over 200 members from town and country branches being present. Canon Mortimer Jones conducted the service and the Right Rev. F. A. Bennett, Bishop of Aotearoa, gave the address.

Speaking from his text, "Take heed lest ye forget" (Deut., chap. 4, verse

9), the bishop stated that he had chosen that text because of Armistice Day, which had just passed and because it affected mothers more than anyone else in the world. He said we must ask ourselves, was the sacrifice and the tremendous price paid worth while for what we are to-day? A greater sacrific was once made by Our Lord, and great sacrifices can only be worth while if we act as the salt of the earth—God's salt of the earth. We have to be witnesses to the Light of the World. "Your movement," continued His Lordship, "encircles the whole world, and, although I have great admiration for all women's organisations, from a churchman's point of view I am heart and soul for your union; but on you, as parents and members of the Mothers' Union, rests a great responsibility, because of what you stand for. You cannot stand still; you must move forward, full of life and activity, and this can only be accomplished by realising the power of prayer, united prayer. Therefore, I implore you to pray about everything, whether it be for material or spiritual aid, and to continue to pray without

After the service, afternoon tea was served in the schoolroom by the Hastings, Havelock North and Parkvale branches, and an enjoyable time was spent by the guests in the beautiful grounds surrounding the vicarage.

ceasing."

ORMONDVILLE P.D. NOTES.

(S. B. R. Corbin.)

Continuing the custom which has developed in this parish, of receiving offerings of eggs from children to be sent to our Children's Homes in this diocese, special services have been held recently, which were the means of providing over 40 dozen eggs for the homes. Some were forwarded a few weeks ago, but the Ormondville supply will follow later, as it is their wish that these shall be used for the Christmas cooking.

Soon after St. Hilda's was opened two children went from this parish and for a Christmas offering all the Sunday School children brought eggs, which were sent to the home. Hence the above offerings from the various centres.

At present Confirmation classes are

being held at Matamau. We hope to present the candidates just before Christmas. Parishioners are invited to attend these classes, after which congregational hymn practices are held. It is very encouraging, as the weeks go by, to see the numbers at these classes increasing, as many of them "come from afar."

At a vestry meeting on October 16th

the possibility of building a new vicarage in the near future was discussed. A certain amount of money for this purpose is in hand, but at present there is not sufficient. All agree that a new vicarage is necessary, and also that we desire to avoid incurring any debt. We trust that some assistance will be forthcoming to help us in our difficulties.

On the 18th a new altar, generously provided by St. James' Church committee, was dedicated at Whetukura. It is constructed of heart rimu, and is beautifully grained and finished—a worthy offering for the House of God.

The former alter, which was very small, consisted of two Church Army "Active Service Altars" joined together. These have been separated and placed so that one will serve as a Credence table—the other to remain on the south side of the chancel. The gifts from the Church Army headquarters presented by Preb. Wilson Carlyle will thus be preserved.

TAURANGA.

A Service of Admission to the C.E.M.S. was held on Sunday, October 28th. There was a very good attendance of members. The number on the roll is now 28 and absentees at meetings are rare.

On November 8th Sydney Dr. Nicholson visited the Parish. He attended choir practice and afterwards public addressed a well attended meeting. He proved an attractive personality and his friendly criticism and advice will help both choir and congregation very much. He expressed himself very pleased with the work of the choir and paid a special tribute to the boys both for their quantity and quality.

Armistice Day saw an outstanding service at 11 o'clock. H.M.S. Laburnum was in port and sent a big contingent. The Returned Soldiers, St. John Ambulance and the Municipal Band also took part in the Parade. The whole service will long be remembered and should prove an incentive to the building up of a spirit of fellowship and peace.

WAIPUKURAU.

The annual flower show and sale of work was again a great success, in spite of dreadful weather. The net amount of £126 was cleared by selling without raffles or guessing competitions of any kind.

The Mothers' Union has had two most helpful addresses by the Revs. W. T. Drake and B. R. Brierley. On November 28th a garden party was to be held in the Vicarage grounds, a gift afternoon for St. Mary's Home.

The church grounds have been looking particularly beautiful lately owing to the good work of Mrs Borwick.

Mr. D. W. Neild has been admitted as a lay reader in the parish.

The Girls' Bible Class had its last social evening for the year last month at the Vicarage, when the members presented their teacher, Mrs. Rice, with a cut glass bowl.

The Men's Fellowship considered "Three Modern Heresies" at its last meeting of the year.

A public healing service of anointing will be held in the church on Thursday, December 6th, at 7.30 p.m. A weekly intercession service with meditation is being held on Thursday evenings in preparation for that, and for the Church Army Mission in February.

THE MELANESIAN MISSION

"The offices of the Melanesian Mission have been transferred from New Zealand and are now established at UNION HOUSE, 247 George Street, Sydney, N.S.W. Post Office Box 3416 R.

Commissary in New Zealand:—The Rev. Canon E. H. Strong, St. John's College, Auckland,

General information may be had from the Rev. G. K. Molr, Wellington Diocese. The Rev. R. Hodgson, Gisborne, Waiapu Diocese. The Rev. C. W. Turner, Te Aroha, Waikato Diocese. The Rev. W. Hamblett, Dunedin Diocese, and from the Christchurch Diocesan M.M. Committee, 173 Cashel Street, Christchurch.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Activities in Waiapu

OFFICE-HOLDERS FOR YEAR.

GOOD WORK DONE.

November 12th, 1934.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society, Waiapu Diocese, was held at the G.F.. Lodge yesterday, when a good attendance of associates and members was present. Satisfactory work had been done during the year and the society is thankful for being able to carry on so well.

A warm tribute was paid to Mrs Williams by Mrs R. W. Hansard for her great interest in G.F.S. work and regret was expressed at her resignation. This was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Williams, in returning thanks, said she would always be ready to give advice on Girls' Friendly Society work

A grateful vote of thanks was given Mr R. W. Hansard (honorary auditor), who has resigned, for his many years of kindness in auditing G.F.S. accounts.

A deep vote of sympathy was passed to Miss Pallot and her family on the passing away of her father.

The election of officers resulted as follows: -- Vice-presidents, Mesdames Brocklehurst, Hansard, H. Fannin, T. H. Lowry, V. J. Langley, A. E. Bedford and Miss Pallot; council, Mesdames Frost, E. Cornford, Deaconness M. B. Holmes, Mrs A. Young, Misses Twigg, Pasley, Goerty, Rainbow, King, White, Deaconess Isobel Sanders; G.F.S. Lodge house committee, Mesdames Hansard, E. Cornford, A. E. Bedford, Misses Pallot, Twigg, White; G.F.S. diocesan secretary, Miss M. S. White: diocesan treasurers, Mesdames El Cornford and A. E. Bedford; literature associate, Miss Helen Pasley; advisory board, Messrs R. W. Hansard, W. P. Finch, W. J. Pallot, A. E. Bedford, J. P. Williamson; G.F.S. executive committee, Mesdames Hansard, V. J. Langley, Bedford, A. Young, Deaconess Mabel B. Holmes, Misses Pallot and Helen Pasley.

32nd ANNUAL MEETING. OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

WAIAPU DIOCESE.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1934. In reporting on the work of the Girls' Friendly Society during the past year, satisfactory work has been done, and we are all thankful for being able to carry on so well. The need for more Associates and for Girls' Friendly Society Candidates' classes, which are the mainstay of the G.F.S., is a very vital one, which we trust will be remedied during the coming year. More keen Working Associates is what the Girls' Friendly Society needs in the Waiapu Diocese; there is much work for them to do.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S BRANCH

St. Augustine's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society has held successful meetings during the year, and associates and Members continue their interest in donations to the Melanesian Mission, and for the sick and needy in St. Augustine's Parish.

HASTINGS. ST. MATTHEW'S BRANCH

The most outstanding feature of the Girls' Friendly Society work in this diocese is how the Hastings Branch keeps their flag flying high. They deserve every appreciation. Their great efforts for the sick and needy, also for their Church and other organisations, and building up additional funds for the Building Fund of their proposed Girls' Friendly Society Lodge, and good membership, and keen workers, is much to be commended.

'Miss. Millie Dalton, a very busy young woman, is a very energetic secretary, and is to be congratulated on the success of her branch activities.

THE MAHORA BRANCH.

At present in abeyance, for want of a Meeting Room.

TARADALE BRANCH

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY CANDIDATES.

Mrs Angell has sent in a good report of her Candidates' Work this year. Many of the candidates have entered for the medal presented to the Girls' Friendly Society by the Countess of Hardwicke, for the best work done by a candidate. We are grateful to Mrs Angell, who is a very busy woman, for the very important G.F.S. work she is doing.

PUKEHOU BRANCH.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Secretaray sends in subscriptions from the few members there.

NUHAKA BRANCH.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The report from Nuhaka branch is very thrilling, the work these natives, Associates, Members and Candidates are doing. They also have entered for the Countess of Hardwicke Medal Competition. Their work for the Church and Sunday School at Nuhaka is most helpful. Miss Ra Tautau deserves much credit for her effort.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY LODGE.

The Girls' Friendly Society Lodge is carrying on with 14 permanent boarders, and transcients coming and going. We trust next year the numbers will increase.

ANNUAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION.

The Annual Day of Thanksgiving and Intercession for the Girls' Friendly Society all over the world was celebrated this year on Sunday, 1st July, in parishes where the G.F.S. is working. The attendance was fair. The Friendly Society Hastings Girls' Branch, St. Matthew's, services (both morning and evening) were an outstanding feature of the day, thirtynine Associates, Members and Candidates attending evening service at St. Matthew's, after the evening tea in the G.F.S. room. The Diocesan Secretary was invited, and was present at tea

We hope some of our Candidates will be successful in the Countess of Hardwicke Medal Competition. 'The Countess is keenly interested in the Girls' Friendly Society work in the Dominion.

We trust the membership and interest in G.F.S. work will increase in 1935, being the only society within the Church of England for women and girls of all denominations.

There has been a little advance in our financial position since last year, but it will need great care and energy to carry on the work of the Lodge.

Associates 108
Members 130
Candidates 46

MARIE S. WHITE,
Girls' Friendly Society Diocesan
Secretary,
WAIAPU.

Napier, October 31st, 1934.

ANNUAL REPORT. GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY LODGE NAPIER, 1934.

At the conclusion of the 19th year since the institution of the Girls' Friendly Society Lodge, the committee have pleasure in reporting that the progress continues to be satisfactory, except from a financial point of view.

The committee of the lodge thanks Mrs. Dill, matron, for her management of the lodge, and interest in girl residents. We wish her a pleasant holiday.

Miss. Cowlrick is the relieving matron and under her capable guidance the affairs of the lodge are progressing favourably. Transient and permanent boarders have not been so many since the earthquake of February 3rd, 1931. We trust the numbers will increase this year, as things are more normal.

Mrs. Averill, wife of the Archbishop of New Zealand; Mrs. West-Watson, wife of the Bishop of Christchurch; Mrs. C. C. Harper, Ford Rectory, Berwick-on-Tweed, England; Mrs. Bullock, St. Peter's Vicarage, Wellington all visited the Lodge during General Synod and expressed pleasure at the appointments of the lodge and at the restoration work.

The House Committee wish to thank all the friends who have assisted the lodge by kind donations in money, fruit, vegetables and other ways; also Mrs. Goldsmith, who, each week, brings flowers for lodge decorations.

The number of permanent boarders averages 14 per week. The number of transient boarders during the year was 70.

MARIE S. WHITE,
Secretary,
G.F.S. Lodge.

March 31st., 1934.

ANNUAL REPORT. S. AUGUSTINE'S BRANCH. GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

We opened our session this year in June, and will close at the end of November with a social evening for members and friends.

The Day of Thanksgiving and Intercession for the Girls' Friendly Society all over the world was celebrated this year on Sunday, July 1st, at morning service in St. John's Church and St. Augustine's Church and other churches in the Diocese of Waiapu where the G.F.S. is working.

During the session we have had many interesting addresses. Miss. Sowry, from the Indian Mission Field, gave a most interesting talk on work there. Miss. Davis' talk on Maori Mission work was very entertaining. Mrs. Costello was most interesting in her travel talk on India, and showed some beautiful beads. Mr. L. Theakstone's talk on Toc. H. work interested everyone, and was far too short. Dr. Doris Berry's talk on a tour of Spain was most fascinating.

St. Augustine's G.F.S. Branch Philanthropy Jumble Sale on July 26th was a success. From the proceeds £5 was allocated to the Melanesian Mission and £2 to the Vicar of St. Augustine's for the sick and needy in the parish.

St. Augustine's G.F.S. Branch donated £1 to the special Sunday Jubilee Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, October 7th, 1934. The St. Augustine's G.F.S. Branch felt it a privilege to be able to hand over £22, the proceeds of their stall at St. Augustine's Jubilee Bazaar, held on October 10th, 1934, to the Church Fund.

Our meetings this year have been well attended. There will be an Admission Service at the end of November. I still hope a G.F.S. Candidates' Class will be started, which is the most important work in the G.F.S.

Our thanks are due to Canon Alfred Hodge and Miss. Hodge, for their kindness in giving the use of the Vicarage dining-room for G.F.S. meetings, which is much appreciated, and to Mr. A. M. Retemeyer, for auditing G.F.S. accounts. My thanks are extended to Associates and Members for help in G.F.S., also to friends who sent gifts for the jumble sale.

MARIE S. WHITE, Secretary,

St. Augustine's Branch, G.F.S. Napier, October 31st, 1934.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.
ANNUAL REPORT.

ST. MATTHEW'S BRANCH

We opened our session on April 4th and have since then held our weekly meetings.

The following people gave us very interesting lectures and talks:—Rev. Gosnell (whose talk was accompanied by lantern slides of New Zealand scenery), Dr. Bathgate, Rev. Gosnell, Mr. Harper, Mrs. Esam, Mrs Joseph Wilson.

On the first Wednesday in the month Deaconess Holmes has taken Bible study. Miss Wakelin (one of our members) has instructed the girls in tatting. We observed the World-Wide Day of Intercession on Sunday, July 1st, with Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and a tea at 5 p.m., when there were 39 Members and Associates present.

During the session we have held four social evenings, one to which shop girls were invited, one in aid of the Mayor's Copper Trail and one in honour of our old members and honorary associates. The one social was in aid of the fund to buy new cups and saucers for our club room. We also held one concert in aid of the Mayor's Copper Trail and a progressive games evening in aid of St. Matthew's Hall Painting Fund. The annual dance was also held. We have made slippers from old felt hats for the relief and bandages for the Melanesian Mission.

Several of our members who have been ill have been assisted from the "Sick Fund." Donations were made to St. Matthew's vestry and the Tolaga Bay Maori Mission, and a parcel of sewing materials was sent to the patients at Porirua Mental Hospital.

The average attendance for the session was 25. One Admission Service was held and three new members admitted, but we still have about 10 candidates to be admitted. Nineteen new honorary associates have been admitted this session. We have invested a further £300 of the Lodge Funds on 1st. Mortgage at 5½ per cent.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Rainbow, Hobbs and Nesbitt for their work as honorary auditors and to all others who have assisted us during the session.

M. DALTON.
Honorary Secretary.

St. Matthew's Branch. G.F.S.

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Letters for the Bishop should be addressed: Bishopscourt, Chaucer Road, Napier.

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Cheques should be crossed, marked "not negotiable," and made payable to the order of "The Diocese of Waiapu," and not to anyone by name.

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

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The Standing Committee and all

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Te Hauke. Hauiti.

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