

N.Z. ANGLICAN GIRLS' BIBLE CLASS UNION.

LONE MEMBERS SCHEME.

There are many girls belonging to our Church scattered throughout New Zealand who cannot, by reason of their distance from Church, or for some equally good reason, attend a Bible Class. In 1930, the Union extended its scope, in order to reach such girls with fellowship and Bible study. A Lone Members' Scheme was formed—a correspondence Bible Class—with a secretary in each Diocese, and a Dominion general secretary, and a text book was chosen.

The general secretary is Mrs. M. Brown, Waiau Pa, Auckland, and the secretary for Waiapu is Miss Warren, Nelson Street, Hastings.

The text books used are: (1) "A People's Life of Christ"; (2) "The Life and Letters of St. Paul"; both by J. S. Paterson Smyth; (3) "A Religion for Monday Morning," by K. E. MacLean.

Four questions are set each month (or one for a week) on the text book, and a Bible portion, and members are in touch with their secretary, with whom they correspond, and to whom they submit their answers.

Girls who become Lone Members have all the privileges of membership, instruction, and fellowship of the New Zealand Anglican Girls' Bible Class Union equally with those who join a Bible Class in the usual way.

Further information about this scheme will be gladly given by the secretary.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

We have much pleasure in calling attention to the above article on Miss Warren's work, and urge readers who are out of touch with a Bible Class to avail themselves of this opportunity for fellowship and study of the Scriptures.

YOUNG MEN'S B.C. UNION.

LONE MEMBERS SCHEME.

We have been asked by the secretary of the above to invite young men who are not able to join or attend a Bible Class, and who wish to become members of the B.C. Union, to write for information to Mr. R. Dyer, hon. sec., Waiapu Diocesan Committee, 511, Wellwood Street, Hastings.

PERSONAL

The Rev. F. H. Germon has been cabled for to go to England, and is not now accepting the position of assistant curate at Tauranga. The vicar, the Rev. O. S. O. Gibson, has still a vacancy for an assistant.

Deep sympathy will be felt for the Rev. R. Kohere in the destruction of his home by fire recently. Many treasured possessions went with the flames, some of historical value.

We regret that no report of the Dominion Conference of the C.E.M.S. has appeared in the Gazette. None has as yet, come to hand.

A signal honour has been conferred upon our Bishop by his election to the presidency of the New Zealand Royal Society. The Royal Society in England had its origin in the weekly gatherings "of divers worthy persons, inquisitive into natural philosophy, and other parts of human learning." This was in 1645. The New Zealand branch is the offshoot of this venerable association, and we tender our respectful congratulations to his Lordship on his new distinction.

A farewell was tendered to Miss E. Reynolds, a teacher at Hukarere Girls' School, on June 24th. Miss Reynolds has been accepted by the N.Z. C.M.S. for educational work in Lagos, West Africa. The Bishop of the Diocese conducted a short service in the Chapel, and afterwards there was a social hour spent in the school. Miss Reynolds was presented with a set of books by the Napier branch of the C.M.S., and by the members of St. John's Church.

A NEW WORK FOR CHILDREN.

(By Mrs. Adelaide Bee Evans.)

When the four volumes which comprise the above work were put into our hands they looked suspiciously like publications that one had particularly avoided in the past. Upon investigation, it was found that the books are actually published by "The Signs Publishing Co." That fact very nearly condemned them, but, with a desire to be fair, we eventually decided to look further into the matter. The result is that we cannot do otherwise than say that "The Signs" have given to the children

a very beautiful work, and one which is calculated to increase their knowledge and appreciation of the Scriptures. The reading matter is singularly free from a "point of view," and there is not the slightest attempt at propaganda.

The stories from the Bible are simply and cleverly told, a feature being the way in which big words are broken up for easy reading. The type is everything that can be desired.

But the joy of this work is in the illustrations. There are reproductions in beautiful form of many of the masterpieces on Biblical subjects, and the black and white drawings are extremely well done. The Church, so far as we know, has produced nothing to compare with these books, and they are just the thing for teachers of primary children in our Sunday Schools. The price is 34/- the set, and the value is good.—(Ed. W.C.G.)

REVIEW

EARLY MAORILAND ADVENTURES OF J. W. STACK

Edited by A. H. Reed.

Reed, Dunedin.

Mr Reed has made New Zealanders his debtors by the excellent work he has done in presenting to them the recollections of Canon J. W. Stack.

Canon Stack's father was one of the early missionaries to New Zealand, where he worked first under the Rev. Samuel Leigh in the Wesleyan Mission, but later joined the Anglican Mission which had been established by Samuel Marsden.

James West Stack was born more than 100 years ago at Puriri in the Thames district while his parents were on their way to the ill fated station which had first been opened at Mangapouri (Te Awamutu). It was a happy thought which led him, when over eighty, to place on record his recollections of the early years of his life; and it was fortunate that the manuscript fell into the hands of Mr Reed.

Before embarking upon his own recollections, the Canon relates some of the hardships which his parents had to undergo. His personal memory opens at Paihia when he was