

and have since then held our weekly meetings.

Our sympathy goes to the relatives of the late Mrs D. B. Hill and Miss Faubert, who were both honorary associates.

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

On the first Wednesday in every month Deaconess Holmes has taken Bible study, and Miss Wakelin, a member, has instructed the girls in the art of tatting.

We observed the world-wide day of intercession on July 1st (Sunday) 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 had five social evenings; one to which shop girls were invited, one in aid of the Mayor's Copper Trail Fund, and one in honour of old members and honorary associates; one social in aid of funds to buy new cups and saucers for our club-room, and one for gifts for the Tolaga Bay Mission Christmas tree. 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.

On November 21st 22 associates and members travelled to Napier to attend the annual G.F.S. festival in St. Augustine's Church and afterwards in the hall.

We have invested a further £300 of the lodge funds in first mortgage at 5½ per cent.

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. Twenty-one

new honorary associates have been admitted this session. We have 42 senior members, 60 honorary associates, 11 working associates, 2 junior members financial, and 9 senior members, 11 honorary associates, 3 working associates, 2 junior members unfinancial.

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

## PARISH NOTES.

### OTANE.

The concert and social arranged by St. James' choir and assisted by Te Aute College boys and friends was a great success. The choir gave good renderings of their part songs, singing with greater precision and attack than on any previous occasion, while the Te Aute boys were in great form in their action songs and hakas. Their part song, "The Long Day Closes," arranged for male voices only, was beautifully sung and showed evidence of careful training. It is, as far as we know, the first appearance of a male voice choir in Otane, and it is splendid to know that the natural musical talent which the boys undoubtedly possess is now being cultivated. The dramatic sketches were very humorous and, being extremely well acted, were highly appreciated, as were also the Poi dances of the Te Hauke ladies. Supper was followed by a dance. The proceeds amounted to £14, which will make it possible to undertake some very necessary replacements to the furnishing of St. James' Church. The evening was thoroughly enjoyable and sociable, and numerous people expressed their pleasure. We are very grateful to all who assisted, in whatever capacity, in making the evening a success.

It is gratifying to report a better attendance at Mothers' Union meetings. Canon Rice and Deaconess Esther Brand have both given most helpful addresses, and we are very grateful to them. The social afternoon, when the Pukehou branch was invited, was most enjoyable. Four new members have been admitted, a

very welcome addition to the membership, which has suffered considerably in recent years by removals. The keenness and enthusiasm of members augurs well for the future.

### WAIPUKURAU.

The financial year ended with a debit balance of £43, a slight improvement on the previous year. Though great effort was made, and some gave liberally, the missionary offerings only reached about £75 out of £95 quota. The offerings on Whitsunday were £19 4s.

The Guild is making great preparations for the Spring Flower Show and Sale of Work on Tuesday, September 10th. Mr. P. F. Hunter has promised to come and judge the flowers. The Guild ran a very successful card evening last month, and is to have a bridge evening at the Ruahine Tea Rooms on August 1st, at 8 p.m.

Miss Taylor, headmistress of the C.M.S. Girls' High School, at Peshawar, India, addressed the Bible Classes and Sunday School last month.

The Mothers' Union has been addressed by Nurse Dartnall, of Christchurch, on New Guinea; Deaconess Esther Brand, on her visit to Palestine; and Mrs. P. Eadie, on "Home Nursing," all of which were most interesting, and the thanks of the Union are offered to them.

On June 23rd the Bishop paid his annual visit to the parish and confirmed 16 candidates.

### WAIROA.

Our annual meeting (July 24th) will have been held before these notes have appeared in the Gazette, a report will be sent in next month. The vestry have done their best during the year to straighten up parish finances, but we shall close the year with a debit of nearly two hundred pounds. A further attempt is being made to secure more envelope subscribers in Wairoa, but very much greater support must be given by the country districts if we are to make any headway in reducing our indebtedness.

We have done our best to raise our quota for missions, but those who are lukewarm about the church in their midst are not the people to give to the work outside, and those who are keen churchmen are already doing their utmost to provide for local