

needs and have nothing left over. The Ladies' Guild has given £5 and the Sunday School £5, a private donation of £5 has been received, other donations from children and the usual Good Friday and Whitsuntide collections have been given; but we are still short.

Our Mothers' Union holds together well, but Mrs. Fletcher, our secretary, finds great difficulty in obtaining speakers to give the addresses. We are probably the most isolated parish in the diocese. Our nearest neighbours are about seventy miles away, and we have no railway communication, so that we have to depend upon our own resources.

Our Sunday schools are doing their best. That at Nuhaka, under Miss Tautau, is combined Maori and pakeha—chiefly Maori—with two enthusiastic teachers. At Frasertown Mrs. Stacey and Miss Unwin carry on in spite of Mrs Stacey's ill-health. The Sunday school at Wairoa has increased in numbers, but there is a great lack of teachers. Miss Deighton and her assistant young teachers in charge of the kindergarten (of about sixty pupils) are most enthusiastic. Mrs. Moles has the senior school of about sixty pupils, boys and girls, with no one to help her. She has a very difficult task. Unfortunately the vicar is quite unable to help or take any part in the Sunday schools as his time is occupied with the country services.

Confirmation classes have been postponed until the weather improves. They will start in August.

The Vicar conducts Bible classes in the secondary department of the District High School on two mornings of the week.

Mr. W. T. Mist, who is working in the Maori parish, has a large Scout troop, of which many of our boys are members.

The officers of the Girl Guides and Brownies at Wairoa and Frasertown are Anglican girls, but the companies are open companies.

The Vicar celebrated Holy Communion at Mohaka on the fifth Sunday in June for both Maori and pakeha. There was a large attendance of Maoris, and more than twenty of them made their Communion; but the only pakehas present were Pres-

byterians.

There are about a hundred P.W.D. men at Waikaremoana preparing the way for the installation of the second unit in the hydro-electric scheme. A large number more will be at work in the near future and for several years to come, but it is quite impossible to do anything for them. If the construction of the East Coast Railway is resumed the provision of an assistant will be absolutely necessary.

ORMONDVILLE.

(S. B. R. Corbin)

The annual meeting of parishioners was held on the 16th inst, there being a representative gathering from each centre, where local meetings had been held previously.

After opening the meeting mention was made of several members who had passed to their rest during the year. Some of these had been zealous workers, and by their departure opportunity was afforded younger members to carry on their work. As a mark of respect the meeting stood in silence, which was ended with a prayer for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed.

The Vicar's report, and one from the Sunday schools, together with the balance sheet, were read and adopted. A short discussion followed. Mr. L. J. Skennan was elected Vicar's Warden and Mr. E. T. Poulton People's Warden. Two vacancies on the vestry were filled by Mrs. J. H. Newling, for Ormondville, and Mr. S. Drew for Matamau.

The general workings of the parish appeared to be satisfactory. Congregations were encouraging, and having been able to repair and paint our churches, and accomplish other necessary work, it was very pleasing to know that the bank overdraft was only £17.

The missionary quota had been reached—the first time for several years. This was chiefly due to the contributions received through missionary boxes. Some new boxes were taken home after the meeting.

The number of subscribers to the Church Gazette has increased and four more copies were ordered.

There are still several items at the centres which need attention, and it is hoped the necessary requirements will be fulfilled this year.

Mr. R. H. Jones, of Ormondville, who has served for many years as a lay reader, has left the district. We trust some gentleman will offer his services and carry on this service for God.

Thanks were expressed to St. John's, Dannevirke, for gifts of altar hangings, which have been renovated to suit our requirements; to Mrs. A. Barnes for a generous gift of an altar book and carpet for the sanctuary; to lay readers, Sunday school teachers and organists for their devoted services, and to all those who in their various capacities have helped forward the work of God in the district during the year.

After the close of the meeting a very nice afternoon tea was dispensed by members of the ladies' committee.

TARADALE.

The month of June was a busy and memorable one for this parish. On Sunday, June 14th, the Bishop confirmed 16 candidates, his inspiring addresses being greatly appreciated by large congregations. On Sunday, June 30th, the Diamond Jubilee services were held. All the services were attended by great congregations, and his Lordship the Bishop preached sermons that will be long remembered. He was attended by the Vicar and Rev. H. W. Klingender. At the social reunion in the afternoon 150 sat down to tea, and the Jubilee cake was cut by a foundation member, Mrs. G. Ridley, a former organist of All Saints. There were nine of the foundation members present, some coming from long distances to share in the celebrations. The Jubilee Fund reached nearly £270, which was considerably short of the aim, but is nevertheless a commendable effort. The offerings for the day were just under £70. At Evensong a beautiful tablet in memory of the late George and Ellen Mildred Harpham was unveiled and dedicated by the Bishop.

The annual parishioners' meeting is to be held on Wednesday, August 7th, at 7.45 p.m., in the Parish Hall. This will be an important meeting, as the question of de-parochialising is to be decided. All parishioners are urged to attend and to see that they have signed the churchwarden's list of members.