

to Gallipoli during the war. He was associated with the building of the Church of Abraham, Waipiro Bay, and always took a keen interest in its welfare. He was laid to rest with military honours in the presence of a large and representative gathering.

A childrens' Bible Class, which meets in the vicarage, is very regularly attended, and appreciated by the youthful members of the Church.

The members of the Ladies' Guild are working with great enthusiasm for a Jubilee Fair to be held in November. A very generous offer has been made to subsidise all amounts raised by the Guild for building purposes.

We welcome Miss Biddle, who has just arrived from England, and hopes to take up Maori Mission work. It is proposed that a new area will be worked with the centre at Tikitiki.

#### TARADALE.

The annual meeting was held on August 7th, about 25 being present. The treasurer, Mr. H. R. Clark, reported that the financial position had improved to the extent of £118. The Diamond Jubilee Fund closed at £271. The vicar reported 1129 Communion, 44 baptisms, 2 marriages, 12 burials, 16 confirmations. Sunday Schools and Bible Classes were reported on. The Mothers' Union continues its good work, and recently visited St. Andrew's 35 strong. The people's warden, Mr. H. R. Clark, and the vicar's warden, Mr. J. F. Langley, were reappointed, with Messrs Wiseman, Hunt, Lisette, Brunton, Ellis and Dunnage as vestrymen. A special meeting to consider the question of deparishing was called for Wednesday, September 4th, at 8 p.m., when the Ven. Archdeacon Maclean is to be invited to be present, and speak on the question. Votes of thanks were heartily accorded the vicar and Mrs. Frost, retiring vestrymen, organists, and auditor. A dainty supper was partaken of, for which the ladies were thanked.

#### TE KARAKA.

The annual meeting held in the Parish Hall last month was fairly well attended. The report commenced with an expression of the keen regret felt in the parish at the departure of the Reverend A. R. H. Morris. The general high tone and keenness in the fellowship of the Church

in the district are but indications of the intense religious zeal he displayed in his four years' ministry. The district, and, in fact, the diocese, sustained a grievous loss in his departure for England. We extend to him hearty congratulations on his engagement to Miss Hope Manders.

Sunday School work in Te Karaka has been somewhat crippled since the departure of Miss D. Mathews to Warkworth in April. It is impossible to over-value the six years of devoted service given by Miss Mathews. The departure to England of Mr. and Mrs. Feather has also left a distinct gap in keen Church workers. Miss O'Hara Smith will be in England for a year, and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Holdsworth are on a health trip of some months.

Supplementing the Bousfield memorial furniture, some new hassocks were given by Mrs. B. J. Holdsworth, and the old one recovered by members of the St. Johns' Guild. The appearance of the Church has been much improved. The Guild has had a successful year, and performed its many tasks with its customary zeal. A box of gifts to the Mission Field, two parcels to the homes, the weekly cleaning of the Church and hall, the running of a large and successful flower show, substantial donations to the Mission Quota, Sunday School, General Funds, to the purchase of the parish car and the installation of an electric stove and hot water system in the vicarage, is but a brief summary of its various activities. Mrs. J. G. Appleton was re-elected president; Miss E. S. Maclean, secretary; and Mrs. C. G. Holdsworth, treasurer. The Waipaoa Ladies' Guild has recommenced activities, with Mrs. R. H. Shanks as president. The danger of the dampening effect of small numbers is more than overcome by the zeal and enthusiasm of the members, and they are working hard on behalf of the homes.

The Kakanai congregation have had their organ renovated, and the Church members at Puhā donated a handsome cloth to be used at the services there.

The year has been one of heavy financial drain on the parishioners, but their loyal support has enabled the vestry to present a balance sheet which must be considered satisfactory. The system of direct giving is working

extremely well, and but a very small proportion promised is outstanding. Owing to the departure of Mr. Morris, an appeal was made for funds to purchase his car in terms of the agreement made with him; the response was most gratifying, and realised just over one hundred pounds. The G.D.F. quota was exceeded by £10 but, unfortunately, the Missionary quota was £10 short. The general parish fund shows a small credit balance. In the election of officers, Mr. J. G. Appleton accepted re-appointment as vicar's warden, and Mr. L. H. L. Maclean was re-elected as people's warden. The vestry will be Messrs Clark, Newton, Manuel, Howard, Fitzgerald, Stone and Colonel Dowding.

Despite the inclement weather, there was a large gathering at the annual meeting in Motu. After the general parish report, mention was made of the commencement of a new Sunday School and a monthly week night service. The St. Paul's Ladies' Guild are to be congratulated on their year's work, and the care they have given to the Church and grounds. Mrs. Bridge was re-elected president, and Mrs. Legge secretary, for the ensuing year. Mr. A. R. Pearce was again appointed vicar's warden, and Mr. R. S. Fisher people's warden. At the close of the meeting a very pleasant social evening was held; music for dancing being supplied by Mr. C. G. Anderson, items being given by Miss Una Reed and the vicar, and supper supplied by members of the Guild.

#### ORMONDVILLE.

The friends of Mr. L. J. Skerman, of "Te Whiti," Norsewood, who recently underwent a serious operation at Wellington, will be pleased to know that he is making steady progress. We pray that he may be soon restored to health, and able to resume his place in the life of the parish.

A very pleasant gathering of Mata-mau parishioners was held at the residence of Mr. S. N. Drew last month, the occasion being to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. N. Russell, who have been zealous workers in the parish for many years, and who were leaving to reside in Gisborne. Mrs. Russell was presented with a beautiful flower bowl, which carried with it the kind wishes of many friends.

Recently, Miss Beattie, the Youth