

words "Lord hear thee" and the words "in the" slightly quicker, and in the second half the words "God of Jacob" brought out with a slight lengthening of the last syllable of "Jacob" and shortening the first syllable of "defend," improve the rendering? Again, no break should be made in the sentence.

Psalm 48, verse 8:

We wait for thy loving | kindness  
O | God; in the | midst of | thy |  
temple.

Would it not be clearer to take this as one sentence, not to stop in the middle of the verse?

There are many examples like these, bearing this always in mind, all commas, etc., to be used as in good reading.

Thirdly, by avoiding the dwelling on the first syllables of such words as "worship," "mighty," "boastest," "trembling," "enemies," "tabernacle," "magnify," etc., etc.

Fourthly, the accent should not be used except as a warning sign that the change of note is about to take place. I find it an excellent method to underline the first syllable after the first bar line in each half of the verse. This helps choristers who have been in the habit of watching for the accent, and when reaching it are rather loath to leave it.

Another great help I find is to make the boys and the younger members of the choir understand the meaning of the words they are to sing. I often spend the whole of one of the boys' practices on one or two psalms, and I am sure if any of the clergy or choirmasters were to take one psalm and catechise the boys on the words in it he would get a most interesting experience.

Again, in conclusion, the congregation should be urged to purchase small psalters so as to enable them to join in these delightful portions of Scripture.

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## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

**Auckland.**—The death has occurred at Mt. Albert of the Rev. Edgar Ward, formerly vicar of Point Chevalier. Mr. Ward was in his 71st year, and was ordained deacon and priest in

1900. From 1909 to 1919 he was vicar of Waerenga-a-hika, and later held cures at Matawai, Putaruru and Kaitaia. Mr. Ward is survived by his wife, to whom sincere sympathy is extended.

Canon R. H. Hobday has been appointed vicar of St. James, Fulham, London, and was instituted by the Bishop of London on August 1st.

The Rev. J. P. Cowie, who has been vicar of Pukekohe since 1916, has resigned, and will take up church work in Auckland.

Canon F. G. Harvie, vicar of St. Barnabas, Mt. Eden, is now well on the road to recovery after a serious operation. The Rev. H. R. Jacks is temporarily in charge of St. Barnabas.

An interesting series of articles on "Leadership" are being published in the Auckland Church Gazette. The writer is the Rev. H. K. Archdall, M.A., formerly headmaster of King's College. His latest article stresses the need of experts in the realm of politics. "Our whole representative system is itself in jeopardy because of the failure to organise properly the available expert opinion."

**Wellington.**—The Rev. Canon P. E. James has been appointed Vicar-General for the Diocese. Canon F. H. Petrie has been made Archdeacon of Rangitikei, and the Rev. D. B. Malcolm, vicar of Hawera, has been made an honorary canon.

The Diocesan Synod was held from July 4th. In the course of his presidential address the Bishop announced his intention to resign the see at the end of the year. Elsewhere we publish a fine tribute by Canon James. Dr. Sprott on his retirement will have completed fifty-six years of ministry. Of these forty-nine have been spent in New Zealand and forty-five in the Wellington Diocese. His Lordship will have the good will and affection of hosts who have been influenced by his long and gracious ministry. A committee consisting of the Ven. Archdeacon A. L. Hansell, the Rev. E. M. Cowie and Mr. H. A. Huggins (as secretary) was appointed by Synod to collect and receive information concerning persons who might be considered for nomination to the office of Bishop, so that the name may be available for the special session of Synod when convened. The commit-

tee strongly stresses the point that no one proposing a name should mention to the man concerned the fact that his name is being considered.

The Rev. H. A. Walke, who has been vicar of Johnsonville for the past ten years, has resigned owing to ill-health. The Rev. C. J. G. Samuda, vicar of Fortrose, in the Diocese of Dunedin, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

The City Missioner, Rev. T. F. Taylor, reports that Mrs. Knox Gilmer's effort on behalf of the City Mission resulted in £2500 being raised. An appeal to the public to take up debentures to the value of £8000 has been most successful, already £7400 worth having been taken up.

**Waikato.**—The Synod was notable for the emphasis laid on the importance of reviving the Church of England Men's Society. The Bishop of Nelson conducted the Quiet Day and was also heartily welcomed by the Synod.

Strong disapproval of the proposed change in the method of appointing Bishops was expressed by the Synod.

**Christchurch.**—The Rev. W. E. Davies, of Fairlie, has been instituted as vicar of Hokitika in succession to the Rev. H. J. W. Knights. The Rev. F. H. Thorpe succeeds Mr. Davies at Fairlie.

The Rev. E. A. Osmers, well known in Bible Class circles, has been instituted vicar of Papanui. He has been succeeded at Methuen by the Rev. H. S. Hamilton, of Kumara.

On September 21st an ordination will be held in the Cathedral, when the Revs. A. C. K. Harper and F. O. B. Lane will be raised to the priesthood and Messrs. J. Fisher and M. H. Wybert will be admitted to the diaconate.

The Tinwald cure has been reconstituted, and the newly-appointed vicar is the Rev. H. A. Childs, assistant priest at Sydenham.

Mr. E. R. Cooper, an "old boy" of the Cathedral Grammar School, has been awarded a doctorate in philosophy by Manchester University. Mr. Cooper matriculated from the school in 1925, graduated M.Sc. in 1932, and, prior to leaving for England to continue his studies, was science and mathematics master at the Grammar School.