

asked to read one lesson, and was also honoured with four Chaplains and an archiepiscopal place in the procession in virtue of representing New Zealand. It is estimated that there were from fifteen to twenty thousand people present.

In the evening I found myself preaching at two churches and was glad of the respite of a lovely drive out to Arthur's Seat near the mouth of the harbour on the Monday afternoon, following on a civic reception by the Lord Mayor to visiting Bishops.

The Assembly continued on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and the final addresses, on Thursday evening, November 15th, delivered by the Archbishops of Sydney and Brisbane were most impressive. Dr. Vowll dealt with the race question as affecting Missions, and Dr. Wand with the question of Reunion. But, indeed, the level of the addresses as a whole was very high, and some of them, especially in the social and economic sphere, daring and provocative. They are being published in the Melbourne Church of England Messenger, and I feel sure that some of them would be well worth reprinting, if permission could be obtained.

The Closing Service of the Assembly was the Holy Communion on Friday morning, November 16th, when Archbishop Head celebrated, and Bishop Crick, of Ballarat, preached. I was asked to read the Gospel, as representing the Sister Church in New Zealand.

On Sunday, November 18th, I had an interesting experience. After a morning sermon, and an afternoon address to a Methodist P.S.A., (which had asked Archbishop Head for a Bishop to address them) I joined the Bishop of Liverpool, and we were driven out to Ballarat, where he preached at the Cathedral Church, while I preached at St. Peter's. On the Monday we travelled by Service Car to Bendigo where we went down a gold mine, received a civic reception in company with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, and each gave an address at an evening service in the Cathedral Church. I was glad of these additional opportunities of telling the people something of our New Zealand Church, and, in Ballarat, of telling them of

Archbishop Julius, their former Archdeacon. It appeared, too, that we had a link with Bendigo, for Bishop Sadlier had once been a curate there.

I have already recorded my impressions of the high value of the addresses delivered, and of the remarkable gathering of Church People who attended the Assembly and also the Moorhouse Lectures. Let me add one or two more impressions of my visit.

Melbourne in one hundred years has grown to such a size that it is not so very far short of the total population of New Zealand. The Church Life gives one the impression of solidity and vitality, and of resources for advance. Especially striking is the part which the Church of England plays in Secondary Education. Not only is Trinity College an important factor in University life, but Geelong and Melbourne Grammar Schools are outstanding members of a constellation of schools for boys and girls. I cannot help feeling that it would be a happy thing if we in New Zealand could be in closer contact with the larger life of the Church in Australia, and if Church leaders on either shore were able to pay more frequent visits across the Tasman.

This feeling was only intensified by a visit which I paid to Dr. Mowll after the close of the Assembly when I had the opportunity of seeing some of the clergy of that Diocese, and discussing with them some of our common problems. I was specially struck with the wonderful social and evangelistic work which is being done by Canon Hammond, and by the success of his scheme for providing homes for the married unemployed out in the country.

Altogether I felt that the visit was a great experience, and I specially appreciated the privilege of being allowed to represent the Anglican Church in New Zealand.

CAMPBELL CHRISTCHURCH.

## A WELCOME CHRISTMAS BOX

(To the Editor)

May we again through your Gazette convey to the children of the parishes of St. John's and St. Andrew's, Napier, our most grateful thanks for the beautiful present of toys, which we

have received.

The very day our parcel arrived we were expecting 130 children to tea.

This was only one of six treats. That night we had the pleasure of having the Bishop of Aotearoa with us. He presented the prizes, explaining to the children to whom they were indebted for the gifts.

Three hearty cheers were given for the children of Napier and then three more for Miss Enrad's parish in England which had also remembered us.

Next day at Mourea the Rev. Manihera presided. Again the air rang with shouts of warmest appreciation of the kindness of the Pakeha children who had so generously given to help God's work and to rejoice the hearts of their Maori brothers and sisters.

Staff of Mission House,  
Waikaremoana, December, 1934.

## GENERAL DIOCESAN FUND.

The organiser has spent part of December in touring the Maori districts of the Bay of Plenty with the assistance of the trailer-caravan which has been recently purchased. He gave a lantern lecture in the hall at Ruatoki, which was very poorly attended; and unfortunately it was found impossible to arrange a lecture for the Maoris at Whakatane. From there he went to Mahetu where a week-end was spent, both the morning service and evening lantern lecture on the Sunday being well attended. A visit was also paid to the Te Kaha Pastorate, where lantern lectures were given at Terere, Te Kaha and Raukokere, the two latter being exceptionally well supported, services were conducted in three different churches on the Sunday. One small boy in this pastorate had had a spell in the Opotiki Hospital, and while there had delighted the nurses and patients with his singing, being rewarded by them in pennies. In all he collected 1s 6d which was handed to the organiser for the support of the Orphanages—this indeed shows the right spirit.

The organiser's itinerary for the coming year has so far been completed as follows:—Sunday, January 6th, Clive; January 13th, Tolaga Bay; January 20th, Waipiro Bay; January 27th, Tolaga Bay; February 3rd, Patuahi; February 10th, Gisborne; Febru-