

WAIAPU MOTHERS' UNION

A meeting of the Council of the Waiapu Mothers' Union was held on Monday, September 9th, in St. John's Schoolroom.

A brief report was given by the delegates of the proceedings of the Dominion Conference. The report stated that owing to the resignation of Mrs. West-Watson, Dominion President, and Mrs. W. G. Roberts, Dominion Secretary, the executive of the Mothers' Union Dominion Council was moved to Napier.

The following officials were congratulated by the members of the Waiapu Council on their appointment to the executive of the Dominion Council:—Mrs. Herbert Williams, Dominion President; Deaconess Esther Brand, Vice-President; Mrs. F. W. Martin, Dominion Secretary.

MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9th, at 2.30 p.m., in St. Augustine's Schoolroom, Napier.

A Quiet Day will be held on All Saints' Day, Friday, November 1, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., in St. John's Church. The conductor will be the Rev. G. B. Stephenson, Vicar of Dannevirke. Deaconess Esther Brand is arranging the services, and members will be notified of further particulars at a later date.

The annual festival will be held on Wednesday, November 20th, at 2.30 p.m., at Havelock North. The Ven. Archdeacon Maclean will conduct the service.

All vicars, who have a branch of the Mothers' Union in their parish, are asked to pray for the union at the Holy Communion that morning, especially for the work in this diocese, and for the new Dominion president (Mrs. H. W. Williams) and the executive committee. It is suggested that in parishes too far from Napier for the members to attend, a service of intercession might be held in the afternoon. The fact that Waiapu has been called to take the leading part in the Dominion Council makes this effort of prayer doubly necessary, all members are asked to support it, privately and corporately.

Details of the Quiet Half-day will be sent to the near parishes early in October.

THE CHURCH ARMY.

A Committee of interested Bishops and Clergy who wished to start the Church Army in New Zealand met in Wellington last month, and considered the formation of a permanent branch of the Church Army in New Zealand. After due consideration, a small committee was formed to go into details, and the following resolutions were passed:—

"That the offer of a house in Auckland for the headquarters of the Church Army be gratefully accepted, it being understood that the Church Army organisation is to be as far as possible provincial, and that the location of headquarters be regarded as temporary, until a more central headquarters can be established.

"That a definite start of a New Zealand Church Army be made on the first Monday in November.

"That a small executive committee of from five to seven members be appointed by the Archbishop in Auckland, and that Bishops in other co-operating Dioceses be asked each to appoint a corresponding member of this committee.

"That before next August a central board of control shall be appointed from co-operating Dioceses, which shall meet annually in Wellington.

"That in each co-operating Diocese a small board of control shall be appointed, which shall work under the central board of control."

Captain S. R. Banyard has been appointed Field Secretary, and will remain in New Zealand. He will be joined by his wife and children at the end of November.

The house offered in Auckland is a large brick building formerly used as a children's home. This building will house the headquarters office, Captain Banyard and his family, the staff officers, and will be large enough to contain the training college when the time comes. At the time of writing, the executive committee is not complete, and it will be two or three weeks before their first meeting is held.

Column News.—Most of the members of the Column sail from Wellington on the Marama on October 31st, leaving Auckland the day before. Captain Kee and Captain Pearce will be returning next year, Captain Kee

for special children's work, and Captain Pearce for the headquarters office.

Caravan for the Waiapu Diocese.—The Standing Committee for the Waiapu Diocese has decided to provide the Church Army with a car and caravan for use in that Diocese. They are acting on the suggestion of Captain Banyard, on account of the hilly nature of the Diocese, that the van should be a small two-wheeled trailer type, pulled by a medium-powered car. The officers will then be able to "park" their "house" in the centre of a district, and proceed further afield by car for visitation, book-selling, and taking of services.

Our new address, as from October 1st:—Church Army Headquarters, Richmond Road, Ponsonby, Auckland, W1.

THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE.

A Theological Conference has been arranged to take place in Christchurch from January 27th to January 31st, 1936. The site is College House, the Anglican Theological College, where the conference will have excellent accommodation and the use of the chapel.

During these three days—from Monday evening until Friday morning—it is planned to spend the time in discussion (formal and informal) and in corporate devotions.

The purpose is specifically theological. The general subject is "Church, Community and State." The aim is to think through afresh in the light of our modern situation the truth of the Church's nature and task in the community.

Papers will be given—one on "The Nature of the Church," three on the history of the church in its relations with the State, and three on the modern situation.

Such in the plan in outline. Those who so far indicated their intention of being present include members of theological college staffs and theologically-interested ministers of several denominations. Now a general invitation is extended to all ministers, and to students completing their theological course this year.

Details of the arrangements will be circulated to all interested as soon as the programme is finalised. Any who desire such information, or who wish