

for clothing, boots, blankets, etc., we feel that this should be unnecessary in a Christian country. To expect men, women and children to have to depend permanently upon the supply of cast-off clothing is a prostitution of Christian charity to which we cannot subscribe.

We know that through inadequate old age and military pensions, and the hopelessly insufficient income from relief work that barely relieves, and that deadly thing called sustenance which cannot sustain, unspeakable suffering is endured by thousands of honest and respectable citizens who should not be placed in this humiliating position.

We call upon all Christian people to demand from those in authority closer attention to the fact that present measures are at best only palliatives. We urge the immediate undertaking of a constructive programme to deal effectively and permanently with the distressing conditions we have outlined.

It is quite clear, that from the Christian standpoint, the present impossible state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue. Too long have we understood the words of our Lord: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me," to refer only to the distribution of charitable relief. Surely in these modern days they must equally refer to the pressing need for the reconstruction of our social fabric.

We are not concerned with the merits or demerits of any of the schemes that have been submitted by fully qualified citizens of this country, but we protest emphatically against the utter failure of the Government to launch any constructive scheme, such as an effective public works policy. We call for close attention to the following facts:

1. We have the men available urgently requiring work.
2. We have no lack of work of a permanent national character.
3. In the event of war, money would be found to destroy life. To-day money can and must be found to save life.

While insisting that drastic alterations be made in our social and economic systems to abolish unemployment for ever, we assert that the

present temporary method of relief can and must be made more effective. We call upon those responsible to answer through the public Press the following questions:

1. Why are men compelled to stand down for fourteen days after they register as unemployed, and how are they expected to live during that period?
2. Why are men outside the metropolitan area placed on a lower scale of relief and sustenance payments when their needs are just as great? Conditions must be worse in the South Island owing to the severe Winter.
3. Will the Minister of Health and the Minister of Unemployment show us by a detailed weekly budget how malnutrition can be avoided at the present rates, after the payment of rent?
4. Will the Minister of Employment state why there is needless and cruel delay in issuing milk rations, especially in the cases of sick children?
5. In view of the promises made to the men who went overseas during the years 1914-18, why are there to-day 2000 unemployed returned soldiers in Auckland?

We reiterate that as Christian men we cannot countenance a continuance of the present methods of relief, which in addition to being degrading and humiliating are totally inadequate.

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KING'S COLLEGE, Auckland.

The Myers-Bankart Scholarship.—Five (5) King's College Scholarships. These Scholarships are open to boys under 13 years of age on the 1st January, 1936. One (1) King's College Scholarship. This Scholarship is open to boys under 14 years of age on 1st January, 1936. Applications, to close on 15th October, 1935, are invited for the above Scholarships. Full particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Bursar, King's College, Otahuhu, Auckland, S.E.7.

(Signed) J. G. C. Wales, Bursar.

"THE JOHANNA LOHSE BEQUEST"

Applications are invited from the daughters of New Zealand Clergy for Scholarships to be awarded by the Church Property Trustees in accordance with the Regulations and Conditions as set out in the attached schedule.

Scholarships will date as from March 1st next, and candidates must forward full references as to studies and attainments together with the agreement duly completed, to the Church Property Trustees not later than 31st October.

It is requested that before forwarding applications for Scholarships, candidates read carefully the Regulations and Conditions under which the scholarships are offered, and in compliance with and subject to which the same must be held.

THE CHURCH PROPERTY TRUSTEES,

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PAROCHIAL NOTES.

WAIROA.

Our Annual Meeting was held at the end of July. Mr. R. de B. Hill was appointed Vicar's Warden, and Mr. Pinel people's warden. Mrs. Moles, Mrs. F. Fletcher, Mr. W. T. Mist, Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. F. Cooper were elected as Wairoa members of the Vestry, and Mr. R. Steed and Mr. Woodley were accepted as representatives of Nuhaka. Vestry meetings are held on the first Monday evening in each month. A floral fête is to be held on the 31st of October in the Gaiety Theatre. A large number of workers