

impressed with their contributions. Mr. Andrews, of Gisborne, made a good impression by his "maiden" speech on the use of the Revised Prayer Book. He had a difficult subject, but he dealt with it tactfully, and it was no fault of his that the motion was eventually withdrawn. The veteran Archdeacon Chatterton was more successful in having the question of the establishment of a Maori Church Board referred back to Standing Committee for further investigation. His speech in support of the proposal was admirable, and although the prospects of its being adopted by the Church of the Province seem exceedingly dim, it was nearly impossible for Synod not to accede to the Archdeacon's request.

The Diocesan Organiser, the Rev. N. F. Benham, is launching out in a new direction, and made the best speech we have heard from him in advocacy of the use of the "movies" in Christian work. It is true that the President requested him to amend his motion, causing "with the aid of cinematography"—"that dreadful word"—to read "with the aid of the cinema." No mention was made of introducing the "talkies," perhaps for the reason that they are already in the Churches.

The social side of Synod was well catered for, and the local Churches supplied bountifully for the afternoon teas. The garden party at Bishops-court was largely attended, and the guests enjoyed the hospitality of the Bishop and Mrs. Williams under Napier's best conditions—a glorious day in delightful grounds.

The Synod services were well attended, the preachers being the Rev. C. G. G. Salt, Vicar of Opotiki, and the Rev. Rupert Hall, M.A., Vicar of Otane.

### STANDING COMMITTEE.

It will be noticed that there are numerous changes in the personnel of the Standing Committee amongst the clergy. The following were elected:—Clergy: Archdeacon Butterfield, Canon A. F. Hall, Canon C. Mortimer Jones, Rev. W. T. Drake, Rev. R. Hodgson, Rev. B. R. Brierley; laity: Messrs H. R. Clark, H. Holderness, G. F. Gardiner, E. G. Loten, H. P. Wilder, H. J. Bull, P. F. Hunter.

## THE GAZETTE

The present Editor lays down his task with happy memories of his three years in the editorial chair. He is happy to know that the paper has paid its way, and has maintained a good standard of Church journalism. We give an extract from the Gazette Committee's report, in which the important suggestion is made that a layman be appointed to attend to the advertisements. Our successor, Canon A. Neild, M.A., will bring to the journal his great qualities of heart and brain, and we heartily wish him every happiness and success. Unfortunately, Canon Neild is at present laid aside by sickness, but he is very hopeful of being in harness for the production of the Christmas issue.

The sessional committee's report read: The committee views with much satisfaction the steady improvement and progress made during the past year in every direction, both journalistic and financial, and offers its congratulations and appreciation to the editor, Rev. F. L. Frost.

We feel that in every parish there should be a correspondent appointed by the Vicar who should be responsible from time to time for sending in parish notes of Diocesan interest. Owing to the impending departure of the editor, it is necessary for Synod to appoint a successor, and the committee suggests that Canon Neild be appointed. The committee also suggests that Standing Committee appoint a layman to take charge of the advertisements so as to free the editor from the literary work.

## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

We have received the 15th Annual Report of the New Zealand Board of Missions, which is very attractively presented to its readers. It is profusely illustrated, and contains also a detailed statement of the Board's enterprises.

We also acknowledge a special report from the Melanesian Mission Board of the Bishop of Melanesia's wanderings over his large Diocese. The report is written by the Bishop, and we have much pleasure in reproducing some extracts for our readers.

### "FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL."

We reproduce on our cover the picture of the Cathedral of Napier, which was totally destroyed by the earthquake of February, 1931. A wooden Church now occupies the site of the former building, and Synod, recognising that it could not be allowed to remain in the City area indefinitely, adopted the report of a Commission on the Cathedral rebuilding, which provides for the Dean to visit England to raise funds for that purpose. It will be remembered that the Dean was conducting a service in the Cathedral when the disaster occurred, and was seriously hurt. He is therefore the proper ambassador to send on such an important mission. The Dean will be followed by the prayers and good wishes of all who loved the old Cathedral, and who now desire to see it worthily replaced.

A further decision of Synod was to approve the organisation of a

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Owing to the present Editor's impending departure, Synod has appointed Canon A. Neild to succeed him.

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