

Members' branch of the N.Z. Anglican Girls' Bible Class Union. Confirmation classes were being held in three centres and were later to be extended to Ti Tree and Weber districts.

Missions.—The Missionary Quota of £45 had been forwarded, although the full amount had not been in hand at the time, nearly £8 being advanced "in faith." (This advance has since been repaid, thanks very largely to a donation of £5 from an anonymous giver, which we hereby gratefully acknowledge.) A special vote of appreciation was extended to the Missions Secretary, Miss P. White.

St. Michael's Ladies' Guild.—Excellent help and support had been given by the Guild throughout the year, and they were complimented on the success of their main effort last November, which had exceeded all their previous functions. November 2nd had been fixed for their "Flower Show and Sale of Work" this year.

State Schools.—Appreciation was extended to Headmasters, Commissioners and School Committees for their co-operation in the matter of Religious Instruction during school hours.

Church Army.—Capt. V. Kernick held Missions at Weber, Wimbledon and Porangahau in February last. These had been appreciated and of much help.

Young Communicants' Guild, and study and discussion circle continues to meet at Wallingford Station, and the interest was maintained. The books, "How we got our Bible" and "How to Read the Bible" were studied during the year, and papers read by the members. For this year the series of Missionary studies is also being undertaken. Bandages and children's magazines are being forwarded to the Melanesian Mission.

Social Evenings had been continued fortnightly at Porangahau, and, though finance was not their object, they had been able to assist Parish funds and the Missionary Quota.

Deep Sympathy was extended to the wife and family of the late Robert James Sidwell, Porangahau, who had been so closely associated with the early life and development of the district.

Welcome.—New parishioners were welcomed and regret expressed at the departure of parishioners from

the Parish. (These have already been noted in the Gazette.)

Finance.—Fewer efforts had been made to supplement the usual channels of finance, but the overdraft had been further reduced by nearly £60. (The meeting decided upon a stock drive, early next year, for the liquidating of the balance, about £95.) Appreciative mention was made of the dances at Wallingford and Herbertville, which had assisted Church funds considerably, as already reported on.

The report concluded with grateful acknowledgement of the valued services of all Church workers, especially Wardens, Vestry, Lay Readers, S.S. teachers, Organists and Guilds, and of the monetary assistance given by all contributors to Church funds at home and abroad.

Officers for the Ensuing Year.—Vicar's Warden, Mr. J. D. Ormond; People's Warden and treasurer: Mr. G. M. Sargisson; Vestry: Mesdames F. Herrick, T. Hobson, T. P. Hunter, H. Pope; Messrs F. Herrick, A. W. S. Longley, A. Morgans, H. E. Wall, R. St. Hill Warren, and R. P. Wilder (secretary and Synodsmen); life-member: Mrs. Paul Hunter; Weber representatives: Miss Palmer and Mr. L. G. Grosse; Mangaorapa representative: Mr. T. Hope.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Cameron, and all Church workers, and the meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology. A Vestry meeting was held afterwards.

On Sunday, August 4th, the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to R. J. Gamble, N. F. Beamsley, R. Brightwell, W. E. G. Morgans, K. W. F. Cameron, B. P. Fallahee, and C. D. H. D. B. Beamsley. The confirmers were much helped by the Bishop's instructions and advice, and the presence of a well attended and reverent congregation.

Another confirmation is to be held in the near future at All Saints, Weber; classes being now under way.

Mrs. Ormond again kindly organised a children's fancy dress dance in the Wallingford woolshed, on September 6th, which proved to be well up to the standard of other years, and netted about £20. Such assistance is very much appreciated.

(We regret that this report did not appear last month, owing to its lateness in arrival.—Ed.)

HERE AND THERE IN MELANESIA.

At Sea,

1st August, 1935.

My Dear Friends of Melanesia,—

(By Bishop Baddeley.)

I returned to the Solomons on April 27th after my visit to Australia for the Annual Meeting of the A.B.M., and some weeks propaganda work in centres from Perth to Brisbane (during which I had the very great pleasure of spending a week-end with Bishop Cecil Wilson at Bunbury). "Southern Cross" was awaiting me at Tulagi, and we set off that night to San Cristoval and Pawa. Several days later (S. Philip and S. James) at Siota, I had the privilege of admitting to Holy Orders as Deacons, Leonard Wobur, Lionel Lonorata and Timothy Titiulu; and admitting Ruth, Nesta and Mary Magdalene as Ta'ina of the Community of the Cross.

We then began a general visitation of the Solomons, principally to return and collect scholars for Marovovo, Pawa and Bunana. I had intended to make this a hurried trip in order that we might get away to the South as soon after the middle of May as possible. However, so much urgent work cropped up in so many places that it soon became apparent that our provisional programme must be considerably extended.

Our first trip was to Fuaba, Riu, Marau Sound, Maru Bay, Pawa, S. Mala and Tasimboko. At Fuaba the Sisters were delighted to hear that funds were now available to make it possible to re-open Qaibaita on a small scale as a Leper Colony, and the clearing of the ground has now considerably advanced. We left the Masons (who had just returned from their furlough) at Fiu; and Mr. West at Marau to give Easter Communion in Willie Au's district. We were back at Tulagi for May 6th, and the Maravovo School Band—whose members also supplemented the choir—took part in the King's Jubilee Parade Service at Government Headquarters. Both band and choir evoked very favourable comment from the white folk who were there in great numbers.