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**Mothers' Union Librarian.**—At the September Meeting of the Diocesan Council of the Mothers' Union, Mrs. Goldsmith, Librarian for the Waiapu Mothers' Union, was made a member of the Council so that branch secretaries could have the opportunity of obtaining books from the Mothers' Union Library if they wished to do so.

**Thanks.**—We sincerely thank the Clergy throughout the Diocese for their co-operation and help at our meetings, the many speakers who have addressed meetings, and all who have helped us during the year, especially Mr. Pilson and Miss Prebble, of the Diocesan Office, who are always willing to assist us in every possible way.

## PAROCHIAL NOTES.

### GISBORNE.

On December 1st the Bishop is to ordain the Rev. T. A. Moresby as priest and Mr. K. Liggett is to be admitted to the diaconate, after which he will take up service in the Hastings parish.

The Confirmation service will take place in the evening of the same day, at seven p.m.

As a layman looks about him and surveys Church activities in the parish he cannot doubt the existence of considerable energy in the direction of parish affairs and the emergence of new ideas and fresh efforts to solve the difficulties which beset us betokens a healthy condition of spiritual and mental thought.

It was with no light sense of responsibility and not without prayer on the part of many that the parishioners committed themselves at the annual meeting to the task of providing for all financial needs by direct giving, discarding such supplementary and wasteful efforts as bazaars, fetes, etc.

No scheme partaking of the sensational is being adopted, but the parish is relying upon, and appealing for, honest, straightforward giving, week by week, through the agency of the duplex system.

A hundred or more new subscribers have already been secured, and the result is encouraging, but we are not

yet out of the wood, and we must obtain still more subscribers if our laudable objective is to be achieved.

Concurrently with this financial departure there are plans for promoting the social side of the Church. The first parishioners' social was held on October 7th, and it proved a magnificent success. The object was purely social, all thought of finance being dropped for the nonce. Churchpeople attended to the number of three hundred and, most important, brought with them the right atmosphere.

This of ours is indeed a very big and a very busy parish, and it is no wonder that the clergy and the vestry, well co-ordinated team as they are, find the task of providing successfully for all needs a very proper job of work.

Consider for a moment the demands of our clergy. Here we have four churches, five including Wainui; junior and senior boys' and girls' clubs, a men's club; all these with big memberships; Sunday Schools; a Children's Church (and a very bright one at that) 9.45 a.m. each Sunday; a daily radio broadcast service at 9.45 a.m.; religious instruction in the State schools; and a very large public hospital, with services every Sunday and constant visitation during the week. Add to this, parish visiting calls on the sick and suffering, and much other parish work of an obvious nature, and you have a pretty problem for one vicar and two assistants. May they continue to receive the loyal support and the prayers of those to whom they minister, and God's blessing withal.

Most of the difficulties which surround us would dissipate into thin air if the Church had the support, to which it is entitled, of those many who call themselves Anglicans and who claim the services of the Church, but who do nothing, give nothing in exchange, and are never seen in a church building. May God in His own time touch their hearts and bring them to realise the poverty of their spiritual lives.

### ORMONVILLE.

(Vicar: Rev. S. B. R. Corbin)

Continuing the custom of receiving offerings of eggs for the Children's Home, over 40 dozen have been for-

warded. Letters of thanks were read at subsequent services, and were much appreciated. Offerings at Ormondville Church are to be received in Advent. This custom started here, the gifts being the result of self-denial on the part of the children, to help their little friends at St. Hilda's.

A branch of the Mothers' Union is now established in this parish at Makotuku. Six mothers have been admitted, and three others are desirous of becoming members this year. Addresses given by Deaconess Esther Brand and Mrs. A. Barbor have given great encouragement to the branch. Mrs. A. N. Martyn is the enrolling member, to whom all communications should be addressed.

The thanks of the Matamau congregation are due to Mrs J. McDowell for the magnificent way she has worked to raise money for two sets of new altar hangings (green and white) for their church; also for many hours of labour spent in the church grounds. These have been laid out as a beautiful garden, with shrubs and flowers, which makes a worthy setting for the house of God.

During the month we had a visit from Archdeacon Maclean, when he visited our five churches.

Mrs. A. Holden, of Makotuku, has kindly offered the use of her grounds, "Rakaiaiai," for a garden party, to be held on January 29th. Gifts of all kinds and the help of those interested will be welcome.

### WAIROA.

The newly-formed centre of the Guild of All Souls held its first requiem on All Souls' Day; the guild does not urge people to become members, it exists for the purpose of upholding the Christian doctrine of the unity of the Church, both living and departed, in one fellowship. As a necessary corollary it carries out the practice, in which our Lord as a pious Jew always joined in the synagogue worship, the practice of prayer for our loved ones beyond the veil. Especially do we remember the faithful "dead" at Holy Communion. An ever-increasing number of people find in the Church's practice the truest and best way of keeping them in memory. A few Churchpeople who have not yet