

Year in the country and it promises to be interesting.

"I go up to Peiping next month for a wee holiday before setting out on my Spring-Summer term's work which keeps me in the Northern part of the Diocese mostly."

PERSONAL.

Miss M. Cavers, of Melanesia, and formerly of Wellington, has had to retire from the Mission owing to persistent attacks of black-water fever. It is with very great regret we make this announcement. Miss Cavers, in her short period of service, has shown herself a most capable and zealous Missionary, and the Mission's loss is great. We are, however, thankful to be able to add that her place has not had to remain vacant for any length of time, Miss Syers, of Auckland, having left on April 2nd to fill it. We give Miss Syers a hearty welcome. Miss Cavers, under medical advice, is taking a trip to England. We hope that the voyage will bring her complete restoration of health.

Dr. Clifford James, of Melanesia, returned to Auckland toward the end of March from his visit to the Leper Settlement at Makogai, Fiji Island. He had gone there to observe the methods of the institution, with a view to gaining knowledge that might be of use in the leper addition to the Mission Hospital at Fauabu in the Solomon Island. He reports a "profitable time though conditions at Makogai are very different from those in the Solomons. In Fiji (he continues) the law compels lepers to enter the colony. This has the advantage that they cannot run away when they become tired of the place, but on the other hand it tends to make the lepers hide themselves so that they won't have to go to the colony. In the Solomons, there is no such law, and everything is done on a voluntary basis. They come of their own accord for treatment. My problem will be to make the colony attractive so that the patients will remain. I found the Government of Fiji, from the Governor down most sympathetic with my proposed ventures on behalf of the Melanesian Mission."

Miss A. M. D. Dinneen, the organising secretary of the Board, and Mr. John Wilson, Melanesian representative in New Zealand, will be

holding a series of exhibitions and cinema talks in the Taranaki Archdeaconry of the Waikato Diocese immediately after Easter. The parishes to be visited are St. Mary's, New Plymouth, Uruti, Waitara, Inglewood, Whangamomona, and Stratford.

Mr. Wilson recently completed a tour with cinema, of some other parishes in this Diocese, in the Hamilton Archdeaconry. He is making friends wherever he goes, with his cheerful presence and keen advocacy of Melanesian's cause.

Finance.—Our total budget receipts to the end of March were £5480, which is £299 less than the amount received at the corresponding period last year! We ask all Vicars and Vestrymen, and women workers to make this known, with a view to stimulating both work and gifts for the remaining quarter of this financial year. It would be to our lasting shame if, in a year of increasing prosperity, we feel behind last year's "depression" amount.

F. C. LONG.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

ROTORUA.

(R. Hodgson.)

The week-day services in the parish church were not very well attended, while the same services at Ngongotaha and Mamaku were appreciated and well attended.

But Holy Week was much better observed, and the attendances at the 7 a.m. Holy Communion and evening service each day were quite good. The clergy of all denominations here have put up a good fight to have secular pictures on Good Friday stopped, and only lost the day on the casting vote of the Mayor. A petition signed by 1100 citizens in support of the clergy protest was a great encouragement to the clergy, who are of opinion that in future years, with the same backing and by getting to work earlier this wrong will not be repeated. It has been a pleasure to work with our Roman, Presbyterian and Methodist brethren in this effort. The services on Good Friday were well attended, and the Three Hours' Devotions seem to be supplying a need. The Procession of Witness composed of over 100

people and with one station where a brief address was given by Captain H. Sutcliffe, C.A., called a good deal of attention to the solemnity of the day, and the lantern service following had a full congregation. The church on Easter Day was most beautifully decorated, and there was a real atmosphere of worship and joy in evidence. Rotorua was full of visitors, and the services were very well attended, some being unable to gain admittance at evensong. The C.E.M.S. which has lacked fine promises to be raised to newness of life.

Capt. H. Sutcliffe and Cadet Tanner, with the Church Army caravan, are now actively at work in this large parish, where much good is anticipated from their labours.

WAIPIKURAU.

In spite of the bad season, quite a good lot of produce was sent in for the Harvest Festival, and a large load was sent afterwards to both Abbotsford and St. Hilda's.

A beautiful processional cross has been presented to the church by a parishioner, and it has been used for processions at the Harvest Festival and on Easter Day.

The Three Hours' service on Good Friday was taken by the Vicar, and was very well attended, the church being almost full during the last hour.

At the Mothers' Union annual meeting, Mrs. J. Hill was elected presiding members, Mrs. K. Donald, secretary, and Mrs. W. G. Cook, treasurer. A corporate Communion was held on Lady Day at Waipawa with the Waipawa and Takapau branches, followed by a very happy morning tea.

About twenty people, mostly church people, have adopted the excellent stimulus to deeper Christian living in the Oxford Group Movement; the results are seen in a more earnest and fuller use of the church and sacraments.

TOLAGA BAY NOTES.

We were very pleased to welcome Mr. Ivan Menzies and his team when they came to tell us about the Oxford Group Movement on a recent Sunday. Those who came to the meeting were all greatly impressed with what they heard, and we hope that this meeting may help towards greater things later on. We had a