

mained for the meeting, Canon Mortimer-Jones, Rev. S. Gardiner, and the Rev. K. Liggett, were present, also one parent, whom we welcomed very much. After routine business, viz.: Minutes, letters, etc., each leader of a class with members present was introduced to the Bishop, they were, St. John's, Napier, Miss Oxford and three members; St. Augustine's, Rev. S. Gardiner and three members; St. Matthew's Senior, Miss Wright and two members; St. Matthew's, Junior afternoon, Deaconess Brand and five members; St. Mathew's Junior, afternoon, Deaconess Holmes and one member; St. Barnabas, Parkvale, Mrs. Hocking and five members; St. James', Mahora, three members; St. Mark's, Clive, Miss Atkins and three members. The last-named is a newly affiliated class started by Deaconess Henn. One Lone Members' Secretary was unaccompanied. We have 14 classes in the Diocese. Reports were read by class secretaries, and one was sent from Gisborne. All were very satisfactory and we commented upon, Gisborne and Clive being especially mentioned. We regret we had no reports from those who could not travel to the meeting.

The Lone Members' secretary and treasurer presented their report and financial statement respectively.

The election of officers was as follows: Diocesan President, Deaconess Mabel Holmes; Diocesan Secretary, Miss E. Wright; Diocesan Treasurer, Miss A. Brown; Lone Members' Secretary, Miss E. Warren; Magazine Secretary, Miss A. Hurst; Bible Reading Fellowship Notes, Miss W. Player; Class Note Secretary, for "Te Karere," Miss C. Wardell, Kennedy Road, Napier.

We are glad to say the meeting was much better attended than last year, and we feel we are making progress in our Bible Class work, although there is still room for improvement; we commend to all unaffiliated classes our literature, etc.

All particulars will be forwarded by our secretary at any time.

A PRAYER ANSWERED.

God save the King! where'er our tongue is spoken,

'Mid Indian palms and 'mid Canadian snows,

From every home in his loved land of England,

Heartfelt, unbidden, thus the prayer arose,

Think not to-day our prayers were unregarded,

Nor vain the words our loyal voices sing,

For whom, through these long years securely guarded,

Our God has saved the King.

From pride, hypocrisy, from all vain-glory,

From hatred, malice, and the pomp of power,

From care for self, from faltering in service,

From loss of courage in the darkest hour.

From thought of tasks undone or friends forsaken,

From all the bitter pains remorse can bring,

From love misplaced, or confidence mistaken,

Our God has saved the King.

And when the evening shadows darkened round him,

By loyal love at length in fullness known

He has been saved—O rare reward of princes!

From that dread loneliness which haunts a throne.

Not here is heard the final word of blessing—

There waits (the apostle saith) "some better thing"—

But here on earth, his people's hearts possessing,

Our God has saved the King.

—C.A.A.

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CHURCH ARMY.

The following are conditions for candidates accepted for training as lay evangelists and mission sisters by the Church Army.

The Church Army is a body of young men and women dedicated to furthering the Kingdom of God through pioneer and missionary endeavour, and who voluntarily abstain

from certain legitimate pleasure in order to give themselves fully to their calling as lay evangelists.

The Church Army rule of life is holiness of heart following real conversion, loyal and intelligent churchmanship without manifesting party spirit in religion or politics; also, realising that certain things may hinder aggressive mission work, all Church Army evangelists agree (without condemning others) to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages and from the use of tobacco in any form whatsoever.

Candidates for training should be between 21 and 28 years (men), 22 and 26 years (women), should have attained a satisfactory standard of education, should be in employment, unmarried and prepared to continue unmarried until at least three years' commissioned service has been given, and in no case can marriage be sanctioned before the age of 25 years and a suitable married station have been procured.

They must have been confirmed at least one year prior to making application to the Church Army, and should be actively engaged spare time in some department of Church life in the parish.

The application must be endorsed by the candidate's vicar and for men by two Anglican laymen, for women one man and one woman, and later approved by the Bishop of the Diocese.

The full training extends over a period of not less than two years, and consists of considerable and varied field service in association with a senior Church Army captain or sister or parish priest.

During training a cadet or probationer mission sister may withdraw at any time, or be relieved of further duty by headquarters, if he or she be considered unsuitable.

When possible, approved candidates are accepted on probation for not less than two weeks. During training board and lodging and 10/- whilst in the field, 7/6 whilst in the training college per week pocket money is provided. After being commissioned an evangelist receives from 16 shillings per week upward, in addition to expenses, i.e., board and lodging, travelling, etc. Fares from home to