

PARISH NOTES.**WOODVILLE.**

(G. W. Davidson.)

Our Church Warden, Mr. Hustwick, has returned home from hospital, and is steadily improving. Mrs. King is still there, very ill—her stay is now nearly six months. We hope that the great care of the Dannevirke doctor and staff will be successful.

Mr. A. Davidson and Mr. Vowell have been spending several mornings in improving the Church grounds in preparation for the Rhodes shrubs, which are on order. More lawn has been prepared, and, with its brick wall, a very pleasing appearance has been achieved. We are hoping that other volunteers will complete the big work so nearly finished.

The Vicar represented the Church at the Methodist Diamond Jubilee banquet, and was given charge of the principal toast of the evening, "The Methodist Church in New Zealand." Nearly two hundred attended, including ministers of Presbyterian and other Methodist circuits, and the Salvation Army officer. The series of services and socials have been a great success, and we wish our Methodist friends God's blessing with good will.

TAURANGA.

The funeral of the late Archdeacon Chatterton took place at Tauranga on Saturday, July 18th, and was attended by friends from Tauranga, Rotorua and other districts. The Service in Holy Trinity Church was an impressive one, both choir and congregation taking a full and reverent part. In addition to the Tauranga clergy the Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Aotearoa, and the Revs. S. F. N. Waymouth, W. Lea, M. M. Tumatahi, E. A. McCutcheon, G. F. Oulds, and D. Rankin were also present. The Service was taken by the Rev. O. S. O. Gibson, the lesson being read by the Rev. E. A. McCutcheon. The Bishop of Aotearoa spoke feelingly of his long connection with the Archdeacon and of the loss which the whole church had suffered in the passing of one so notable for his saintliness and great gifts. On the Sunday following, Memorial Services were held in Holy Trinity Church, and there was evidenced the great affection and esteem which Archdeacon Chatterton had inspired. Tributes to his life

and work were paid by the Vicar in the morning and by the Bishop of Aotearoa at Evensong.

A SERMON ON THE PSYCHO-PHYSIOLOGY OF THE BIBLE.

(By Cecil Gilbertson.)

I. Thess. IV., 3. This is the will of God, even your sanctification. Sanctification means holiness, which is only another word for wholeness, or perfection; and it does not apply merely to the spiritual part of man, but to his whole being. Christ came to save the whole man, and not just a part of him. There is a very definite relationship between man's body and soul, and holiness of the soul will cause the whole man to radiate with health and happiness. And yet the outward man must perish, and flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven. There are two kinds of sickness, the sickness of disease and decay, and the sickness of transmutation and glorification. Our Blessed Lord's body whilst it was in the tomb did not see corruption, but it was changed, and became a glorified Body with which He ascended up into heaven. We shall not all die, but we shall all be changed, and this corruptible must put on incorruption. When we die our bodies must either see corruption or sanctification. Death means separation, a separation from God who is life and true consciousness. In this world we are not truly conscious until we are conscious of God. So long as we are living in a state of unconsciousness of God we are living as "the dead" of whom our Lord said "let the dead bury the dead." When we become conscious of God, and that consciousness turns to love and devotion, then death is but a sleeping while this corruptible puts on its incorruption. We live, but yet not we, but Christ lives in us. We are dead—separated from our sins—our life is hid with Christ in God.

In modern terms this is all a psycho-physiological process; for right thinking and holy thinking, bring about a definite physiological change in our bodies through the medium of what the medical profession calls the endocrine glands, which in turn act upon the nervous

system by means of the hormones in the blood. Loosely speaking there are seven of these endocrine glands, and the sympathetic nervous system consists of two main nerves which run parallel on either side of the spinal cord. And this spinal cord runs from the base of the spine to the brain with which it is connected; the brain, of course, being the organ of the Ego. This is all comparatively new knowledge to the medical profession, and until quite recent years these endocrine, or ductless glands, were regarded as being mere vestiges of our animal ancestors, and of little importance to our physical well-being. It is only in very recent years that their tremendous importance has been discovered, and we are still ignorant of exactly how they function. But—and this is the important part from the Church's point of view—there are strong reasons for believing that in ancient times the functions of the glands and the whole nervous system was known to man, and much can be learned of these things from the Bible.

In Zechariah IV. we read as follows:—

"I have seen, and behold, a candlestick all of gold, with its bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon; there are seven pipes to each of the lamps, which are upon the top thereof; and two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof." In this vision surely we may see the golden candlestick as a symbol of the spinal cord with the brain on top of it. The seven lamps are endocrine glands connected with the spinal cord by the seven "pipes," and the two olive trees, one on either side, are the sympathetic nervous system.

The Explanation of the vision given later in the chapter is as follows:—"This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, not by might, nor by power but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth a headstone with shoutings of grace, grace, unto it. Moreover, the word of Lord came unto me saying, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it;