

# The Waipapu Church Gazette

## CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER.

- 1—All Saints' Day, Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.  
2—All Souls Day.  
8—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.  
15—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.  
22—Sunday next before Advent.  
29—First Sunday in Advent.  
30—S. Andrew A.M.

## THE BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

- Nov. 1—Havelock.  
15—S. Augustine's, Napier.  
22—Patutahi and Gisborne.  
29—Tolaga.  
Dec. 6—Waerenga-a-hika and Te Karaka.  
13—Te Puke.  
20—Hastings and Waipawa.

## DIOCESAN AND GENERAL.

The Rev. B. R. Brierley has accepted the Parish of Holy Trinity, Devonport, and will leave this Diocese about March. He will be very much missed here, and will leave behind him a record of good work, both in the district of S. Andrew's and in the Hospital. Devonport is a large and important parish and will give plenty of scope for his energy. He is to be succeeded by the Rev. W. S. G. Cameron, Vicar of Porangahau.

There will be no Retreat for Women this summer in Napier, but early in Lent a Retreat for Women will be held in Marton, in the Wellington Diocese. Particulars will be published later.

The usual Retreat for Clergy will be at Te Aute College, the first week in February.

The Bishop has instructed the Clergy to discourage decorations in Church for weddings. As a rule these decorations are not for the glory of God, but of someone else. In particular he forbids that vulgar abomination, the floral bell.

A slipshod custom has grown up of giving out notices of all kinds in Church which have nothing on earth to do with the services of the Church. After all, most Churches have, and all should have, notice boards which

can be used for these outside things. This also is the Bishop's wish.

## SPLENDID MISSIONARY GESTURE.

When Synod last month was fixing the missionary quotas for the current year the officials representing the parish of Otane reported that the parishioners at the annual meeting had passed a motion asking Synod to increase their quota from £260 to £350. They argued that they managed to reach their quota of £260 last year, but it did not mean a great deal of self-denial. It would not take much sacrifice of picture shows, ice creams or other luxuries by parishioners to provide the extra amount required. With such a small population Otane is to be heartily congratulated for its splendid spirit.

## BOARD OF MISSIONS NOTES.

### A TORGHUT LAMA'S WITNESS.

Mr. Halsund-Christiansen has recently written "Gods and Men in Mongolia" (an account of his part in the Sven-Hedin Expedition). He is by no means an advocate of Christian Missions, so the following incident is the more impressive.

The ruling Lama-Chief of the last independent Torgkut tribe, during Mr. Halsund's long stay with him, told him of a criminal who had fled from the tribe to Urumchi. There he came in contact with a medical missionary, who, after a time during which the criminal became a Christian, engaged him as a general factotum. Learning his whereabouts, the Lama sent for him to be delivered to tribal justice; but on the doctor's promise that he would be surrendered if he again did evil the Lama agreed to leave him. This had happened years before, and the criminal had steadily developed into a thoroughly fine character. "This is what I cannot understand," said the Lama. "With so evil a man, hundreds of rebirths are needed before he can rise to a higher plane. How could it happen so quickly, in one earthly lifetime?"

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM C.M.S.

### MEDICAL MISSIONS.

**Border Tribes of India.**—During the autumn I made a tour through Waziristan in company with the Assistant-Director of Intelligence. It was extremely interesting to explore the lands behind the administration border of India, whence so many of the wild tribesmen come down to our hospital for treatment. These districts, however, are not yet open to mission evangelism. **Returning patients from the hospital at Peshawar are the only possible missionaries to their own tribesmen.**

**Kigema.**—One man, about forty-five years old, had been for eighteen years crippled by yaws and rheumatism, and had never for all those years stood upright. A series of tenotomies straightened his legs, and he stood erect. He said he felt quite giddy at the height when he stood up! The other day he walked here from his home, six hours' march away over a big range of hills. At first he was a case-hardened heathen, but the love of Christ shown forth in our hospital staff, as well as his remarkable recovery, made him turn to God. After some hesitation he asked for an evangelist; and so he opened a new province to the Gospel. This required no little courage, for there was hardly anyone who would stand by him in his first confession of faith. But a new church is now established there with about fifty adherents.

**East Africa.**—Tuberculosis is found here in bones, joints, glands and lungs. Very few of the lung cases do well.

Sarro was for years a dresser here. He learned to recognise pulmonary tuberculosis when severe. He often saw the germs under the microscope, and once saw the post mortem findings on a fatal case. One day his good friend John came to me in concern. John was the microscope boy, and on his own he had examined Sarro's sputum and found he had T.B. I had been trying to keep it from everyone but the boy's father; but you cannot keep secrets in Africa. John told Sarro, showing him the slide. His decline was quite rapid