

up and gave a talk at the last meeting of the Mothers' Union. She gave an interesting outline account of the history and development of the Union, and emphasised the point that if members wish to make a success of their branch, they must not simply expect to get something out of it, but must be willing to put effort into it too. At this meeting we had our first admission service, when eleven members were admitted by the vicar. The services at Pouāwa and Mihiwhetu have been very well attended lately, "full house" being recorded on two occasions. We hope to hold our Coronation Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 9th, in the Parish Church, when the Vestry has invited members of local bodies to attend.

Ormondville.

What might have resulted in the Vicarage being burnt down was checked in its early stages by a friend passing by. Owing to a neighbouring fire the fence at the back of the vicarage caught alight and also the hedge. When the vicar returned from services in the country, the hedge had disappeared and the verandah was covered with ashes. Forty-two feet of new iron fence has now been erected.

We regret to state that Miss Annie Webb, our Sunday School Superintendent and valued worker, who has been ill for a few weeks, has been removed to Wellington for special treatment. We hope she will soon be restored to health.

Mothers' Union meetings have started again, and members are preparing for a busy year. Mrs Martyn, the enrolling member, having been transferred to another district, Mrs J. Palmer has been appointed to succeed her.

Captain Kee, of the Church Army, has been with us recently and delivered interesting addresses and showed lantern slides illustrating C.A. work both in England and New Zealand. His visit was greatly appreciated, and many renewed happy memories of his former mission.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances. Miss Eva Brabazon, who has been organist at Norsewood for several years, has found it necessary to resign. We have placed on record our appreciation of her valued services. On account of infantile paralysis.

the garden fete which was to have been held in January had to be postponed. In lieu of this a "Paddy's market" and dance is to be held in the Ormondville Hall on May 7th. It is sincerely hoped that all friends and supporters will rally round and make this event a great success.

Gazette subscriptions are now due. We hope these will be sent in before the end of the month.

The vicar will be inducted to the charge of St. George's, Thames, on May 25th and expects to leave Ormondville on 20th inst.

(S. B. R. Corbin).

Woodville.
OBITUARY—MRS ANNIE WESTOBY

Mrs Westoby came to Woodville with her husband 57 years ago. She was always a keen Church worker, being president of the Ladies' Guild for 13 years. It was largely due to her business ability that the Parish Hall and new Vicarage were built, the latter free of debt. She was never happier than when out in her garden amongst the flowers. She was an original member of the Sanctuary Guild and always did more than her share when decorating for Church festivals. It seemed most fitting that her funeral should take place on Easter Tuesday while the Church was still decorated. Mrs Westoby was always an ardent worker for the Holy Trinity Bazaar and Bulb Show.

APPEAL FOR THE CHURCH ARMY.

The position of the C.A. is that the Bench of Bishops consents to the effort being made to establish the C.A. on a permanent footing in N.Z., and the Dioceses of Auckland, Waiapu and Christchurch are co-operating in the effort. From November last the C.A. staff in the Dominion has been entirely supported by well-wishers in N.Z.

£3000 FOR TRAINING COLLEGE

The minimum amount aimed at is £3000, the immediate purpose of which sum is to establish the Training Centre for the training of young N.Z. men and women in the principles and technique of C.A. work. The Diocese of Auckland has already placed at the disposal of Capt. Banyard, Field Secretary of the Army in N.Z., a large building in

Richmond road, Ponsonby, formerly used as an orphanage, and for the first few years, until permanent quarters are obtained or the site of the permanent headquarters is decided, this commodious building will serve as the headquarters of the Army in N.Z. and its College. Already there are twelve C.A. workers engaged in N.Z., and there are many prospective trainees awaiting their call to college for training as soon as the financial support is assured.

The minimum of £3000 aimed at is the minimum for the Dominion or the co-operating Dioceses. It must be remembered that this sum is merely a nucleus, the minimum on which the C.A. authorities in England consider it safe to establish the C.A. in N.Z.. The primary need, of course, is for trained workers familiar with N.Z. conditions. Capt. Banyard and his associates are convinced from their experience that they can get the right C.A. type in the Dominion, and once they have got their first group through their college, the C.A. will indeed begin to move. Our Lord Himself began his own evangelistic and social work with a small band of workers, and He trained them before He sent them out; and from the work of that small band, whose names are almost all we know of them to-day, the whole mighty edifice of Christianity has grown. So from the small band of trainees it is hoped that the Church Army work will grow in New Zealand.

WHAT THE C.A. WORK REALLY IS.

It is likely that the average Churchman's impression of the C.A. work is that it is nothing but the evangelism of conducting missions in this and that cure, and then passing on. The impression arises from the fact that the C.A. work in N.Z. has hitherto been limited by force of circumstances to this type of evangelism in most places. Pure evangelism was and is the primary purpose of the C.A. but when Prebendary Carlisle began his work in London, he quickly found that he must do something more to help the souls he saved from sin than sing hymns to them and soothe them with comforting words. The evangelistic mission quickly became a social mission with an economic object—the men and women had to be