

The Waiapu Church Gazette

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

1. T. All Saints' Day.
2. W. All Souls' Day.
6. Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
13. Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
20. Sunday next before Advent.
27. First Sunday in Advent.
30. W. S. Andrew A.M.

DIOCESAN AND GENERAL

The Archbishop has announced to his Diocesan Synod his intention of resigning his See at the beginning of 1940. The date has been fixed in order that it may be possible for the new Primate to take his place with other Primates at the Lambeth Conference that year. His Grace has a good record of long and faithful service to the Church of this province, and has earned a rest.

Canon Strong has resigned the wardenship of S. John's College from the end of this year. Many of the younger clergy especially will remember him with gratitude.

A long and useful life of service to God's Church in the Auckland Diocese came to an end on October 14th, when Mother Hannah passed to her eternal rest. The foundress and ruler of the Order of the Good Shepherd was for years a familiar and much-loved figure in Auckland, and it is hard to imagine the Grey St. Mission without her. Her health had been failing for some time but she passed very peacefully at last just after receiving the Blessed Sacrament for the last time, as was said of another, "from eating His Body to seeing His Face."

Miss Sybil M. Williams, M.A., N.Z., daughter of Canon and Mrs W. G. Williams of Napier, has been awarded the Diploma of Education at the London University, where she has taken a special course provided for those who are about to undertake educational work amongst members of the Native races. She has accepted a position on the staff of the Hukarere Maori Girls' School for the beginning of the New Year.

Miss Williams arrived at New York on October 13th, on her return

journey to New Zealand. She is to carry out a month's lecturing tour of secondary schools and colleges in the northern States of America and Southern Canada, in the course of which she will visit New York, Albany, Chicago, Toronto, Minneapolis, Winnipeg and other centres before sailing from Vancouver on November 23. She expects to arrive in New Zealand about the middle of December.

THE BISHOP CONSECRATED.

Before a large and representative gathering, including the Bishops of the Province of New Zealand, clergy and laity, the solemn and impressive consecration of the Rev. George Vincent Gerard as Bishop of the Diocese was observed in St. John's Cathedral, Napier, on October 28.

The building was packed by people anxious to witness and take part in the most notable religious ceremony which Napier has seen for some years.

The ceremony commenced at 10 a.m., when a very impressive procession was led by the Crucifer into the nave. The Crucifer was followed by the secretary of the Diocese (Mr. R. E. H. Pilson), the Chancellor (Mr. H. Holderness), the clergy, the canons and archdeacons, the visiting clergy, the verger, carrying the Cross and the Dean of Waiapu (the Very Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst). Then came the Bishop-elect, followed by the Bishops of the Province of New Zealand with their chaplains, the preacher, the Bishop of Christchurch (the Rt. Rev. Dr. Campbell West-Watson), with His Grace the Archbishop of New Zealand (the Most Rev. Dr. A. W. Averill).

The procession moved up the aisle as the choir led in the singing of the Processional Hymn (No. 604), and the clergy, upon reaching the front seats of the nave, moved to either side to allow the Archbishops and the Bishops to pass through to their places. The clergy then moved to their positions in the nave. The Bishops' chaplains were seated in the front seats.

The Bishops present, in addition to the Bishop of Christchurch, were the

Bishop of Waikato (the Rt. Rev. C. A. Cherrington); the Bishop of Aotearoa (the Rt. Rev. F. A. Bennett), the Bishop of Wellington (the Rt. Rev. H. St. Barbe Holland), the Bishop of Dunedin (the Rt. Rev. W. A. R. Fitchett), the Bishop of Nelson (the Rt. Rev. W. G. Hilliard), and the Rt. Rev. T. H. Sprott, retired Bishop.

The Archbishop commenced the office of Holy Communion down to and including the Nicene Creed, following which the Bishop of Christchurch delivered an impressive and stirring sermon.

At the conclusion of the sermon came the presentation of the Bishop-elect.

The Chancellor read the authority for Consecration and he handed it to the Diocesan secretary. The Bishop-elect was then led forward and took the oath of allegiance to the Archbishop. This was followed by the Litany, which was led by the Bishop of Aotearoa, while the Archbishop and the Bishop-elect knelt together on the altar steps.

After the singing of the beautiful hymn No. 209, the examination of the Bishop-elect followed, and then he retired to a side-chapel, where he donned his episcopal robes, returning to kneel at the altar steps.

The Bishops gathered round the Archbishop while the kneeling congregation sang "Veni Creator."

With the conclusion of the hymn came the solemn ceremony of the laying-on of hands, the Archbishop and all Bishops present placing their hands on the new Bishop's head as he knelt while the Archbishop said the words of consecration.

Having placed the Cross round the neck of the Bishop of Waiapu, and presented him with the Bible and pastoral staff, the Archbishop delivered the final exhortation.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the order of the procession was: His Grace the Archbishop, preceded by chaplain and followed by chaplains-of-honour; the Bishops of Waiapu, Christchurch, Waikato, Dunedin, Nelson, Wellington and Aotearoa and their chaplains, with Bishop Sprott and chaplain; visiting clergy, the Crucifer, the choir, the clergy, the