

in already having met several East Coast branches.

The Secretary, Mrs. Cameron, read correspondence from England regarding linked branches. English branches are pleased to be linked with overseas branches. It was explained how the membership fee of 1/1 is distributed—threepence to Diocesan working funds, one penny to Dominion Fund, one penny English tribute, eightpence to the local branch.

It was considered by this Council advisable for branches to appoint a librarian to look after books lent from the Diocesan Library.

It was hoped that secretaries of branches would try to get members interested in the M.U. journals, especially country branches where it is difficult to procure speakers. Copies of English literature on various topics suitable for branches may be procured from Mrs Mayo in leaflet form very cheaply. Useful discussion took place.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Gerard was thanked for presiding, and the hope was expressed that she would have many happy times with Council members.

F. E. DAVIS,

By Request of the President

ORDINATION SERVICE AT KOHUPATIKI.

On March 12th, the third Sunday in Lent, there was for the first time an ordination service at Kohupatiki, where the Bishop of Aotearoa lives. Manu Bennett, the Bishop's son, was ordained Deacon by his father in the presence of the Bishop of the Diocese and a large gathering of Maoris and pakeha friends.

The little village was crowded with cars and people and a large marquee had been erected for a lunch after the service.

Shortly after 10.30 a.m. the procession entered the Church: the Candidate, the Rev. Hamiora Rangihū, the Rev. John Hogg, Archdeacon Maclean, the Bishop of Aotearoa, and the Bishop of Waiapu.

After the processional hymn, the Bishop of Waiapu gave a short explanation of the service, then the Sermon was preached by Archdeacon Maclean from Eph. 6: 10: "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His

might . . . that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand," and this was followed by a short summary of the sermon in Maori given by the Bishop of Aotearoa.

The Litany was taken in Maori by the Rev. Hamiora Rangihū and then the Bishop of Waiapu began the Celebration of the Holy Communion. The Commandments and the Epistle and Gospel were read in Maori.

The Candidate was presented to the Bishop of Aotearoa by the Rev. John Hogg and he was then examined and ordained by his father.

The first experience of seeing the solemn service of ordination means much to any devout congregation, and no one present could have been unaffected by the moving sight of a father ordaining his son or unconscious of the fact that this was an historic occasion. No such event has occurred before in the history of the Maori Church; it marks a step forward, a stage of progress.

A feature of the service was the beautiful, effortless unaccompanied singing for which the Maori has a gift which leaves the pakeha far behind. The choir was there, but one was unconscious of it, so much was the singing the part of the whole congregation, free and natural and effortless, just what congregational singing should be. Perhaps we shall learn some day to make our singing the natural expression that it ought to be.

After the service the Bishop of Waiapu and Mrs. Gerard were warmly welcomed by the Maori chiefs and the Bishop thanked them for their welcome and then everyone was entertained with the traditional wholehearted Maori hospitality.

The beautiful, dignified service and the warm, happy, friendly atmosphere made it a memorable and enjoyable day which will not be forgotten by the people of Kohupatiki or by those who had the great pleasure of being their guests.

PARISH NOTES.

ST. ANDREW'S, PORT AHURIRI.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Festival was held on the 12th ult. Representative offerings of flowers, corn, fruit, bread, vegetables, jam

and produce beautifully adorned the Church and afterwards assisted the larders of St. Mary's Home and Hukarere Girls' School, while the grapes were very much appreciated by patients of Napier Hospital. We welcomed the presence of our Bishop who shared our Festival by assisting and preaching at Evensong. The children's part in the 11 o'clock service was impressive and uplifting as they gathered in front of the Altar, making their offerings and singing their hymn of praise.

Palm Sunday, April 2nd, is the beginning of Holy Week, which is sacred to the memory of our Lord's Passion and Crucifixion, and as such should be fittingly and willingly observed by each member of the Church. To help us to keep the week holy and to assist us in our devotions there will be a celebration at 7 a.m. and a short evening service at 7.30 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, which all should at least endeavour to attend. On Palm Sunday at 10 a.m. the children are to proceed round St. Andrew's Church carrying palm crosses. In the evening the Right Rev. Bishop Bennett is to be the preacher, who will also show slides of pictures taken during his visit to India to attend the Missionary Congress at Madras.

Then there will be Good Friday, April 7th, which earnest Christians will fittingly observe not as a holiday and a day of picnicking and pleasure, but as a specially sacred Holy Day in grateful appreciation and recognition of his or her Redemption, and gathering in spirit at the foot of the Cross.

Come, let us stand beneath the Cross; So may the Blood from out His side Fall gently on us drop by drop.

—From Hymn 114.

The services arranged are:—8 a.m., Ante-Communion; 10 a.m., Children's Service; 11 a.m., Mattins and Litany; 12 noon to 3 p.m., Devotional Service (conductor, the Rev. W. T. Drake, a former vicar). In the evening, instead of the usual service at St. Andrew's we shall assemble at 6.50 p.m. at the Sound Shell, Napier, to join with St. John's and St. Augustine's, Napier, in a big

"PROCESSION OF WITNESS" which will culminate with a Lantern Ser-