

The Waiapu Church Gazette

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

2. F. Ember Day.
3. S. Ember Day.
4. Trinity Sunday.
8. M. Corpus Christi.
11. S. Barnabas A.M. First Sunday after Trinity.
18. Second Sunday after Trinity.
24. S. Nativity of S. John Baptist.
25. Third Sunday after Trinity.
29. M. S. Peter A.M.

THE BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

- June 2nd.—Taupo.
June 3rd.—Tauranga.
Sunday, 4th.—Tauranga (M., E.); Whakamarama (A.).
5th.—Mount Maunganui.
6th.—Bay of Plenty Clerical Society at Rotorua; Maungatapu (A), Tauranga Men's Evening.
7th.—Gate Pa (E.).
8th.—Tauranga Mother's Union (A); Boys' Brigade and Girls' Club. (E.)
9th—17th.—The Urewera Country: Visits to Church Army Van, Settlements, Maori Pahs, and P.W.D. Camps.
Sunday, 18th.—Wairoa (Confirmations).
24th.—Woodville Reception.
Sunday, 25th.—Woodville (Confirmation E.).
29th—Visit to Pahiatua (St. Peter's Day).
July 2nd (Sunday).—Porangahau (Wallingford and Maungarape).

BISHOP'S NOTES

C.E.M.S.

The Dominion Conference of the Church of England Men's Society, held at New Plymouth in May was an inspiration to all who were privileged to be present. Inspiring addresses were given by the Revs. E. J. Rich (Masterton), I. L. Richards (Christchurch) and Mr F. W. Gilligan (Wanganui College). The subject of the conference was:—"The Church Advances." Discussions were held in groups, and as a result it was generally agreed that the Church should make more definite demands in order to win the best

response from her young people, and that the work of evangelisation must be regarded as a responsibility of the whole congregation and not of the clergy only. Recorded activities of some of the C.E.M.S. branches gave an indication of what could be achieved if only every parish possessed a keen body of men pledged to co-operate, work, and pray for the "Advance of the Church" in their district.

The C.E.M.S. is particularly strong in the Dioceses of Wellington and Waikato, and it must be our policy to bring Waiapu up to their level. Amongst others this Diocese was represented by the Bishop, Rev. O. S. O. Gibson (Tauranga) and Mr. H. N. Fowler (Hastings).

The genial chairmanship of the Bishop of Waikato, and the warm hospitality of Archdeacon Gavin and the parishioners of St. Mary's contributed much to the success of the conference.

Transport

The march of civilisation brings its responsibilities, and one of these is the provision of motor transport for church workers in back-block districts which are being opened up by the construction of good roads and the building of bridges.

Nurse Bartrum of the Maori Mission is now stationed in the Te Kaha Pastorate in the extreme north-east of the Diocese. She has demonstrated her devotion to the work in which she is engaged by purchasing a car at her own expense to supersede her horse. It is hoped that friends in the district will be able to provide a garage in token of their appreciation.

Captain R. D. Carew of the Church Army is doing sterling work as our missionary to the railway construction camps in the Gisborne area. For two years he has maintained his activities on both sides of the steep Wharerata Ranges, journeying on foot or occasionally being "given a lift" on a passing lorry. At the last meeting of Standing Committee it was felt that we must go forward with faith and despite financial difficulties provide the Captain with suitable transport before the winter. And a motor car has therefore been procured, for his use.

Staff

Miss V. M. Darrell has been compelled to resign her position at the Te Araroa Mission House on account of ill health. She deserves the thanks of the Diocese for the services which she has rendered, and our good wishes and earnest prayers for a speedy recovery.

The Church's Object Lessons

Much of the value of the "appeal to the eye" may be lost if no explanation has ever been given to church people or their children of the historic significance and symbolism of things seen and used in our services.

Robes and Vestments are special clothes used in church by clergy, choristers and other responsible for leading or assisting at worship. Vestries are rooms where the sacred garments are kept, and put on by their wearers. The word vestry also applies in New Zealand to a parochial management committee whose meeting place is the room of this name.

Christianity is a historical faith and its worship contains much that has come down from Old Testament times and was in use in Our Lord's own day. In our worship the crudity of animal sacrifice has been superseded by the sacrament of the altar in which is commemorated Our Lord's own offering of His life for the sins of the world.

The churches and cathedrals of to-day succeed the synagogues and temple of New Testament times. And the special garments used by us are reminiscent both of the everyday garments of oriental life in those periods, and of the priestly robes of the temple.

Of the Bishop. In civil life special emblems are associated with particular officers. For example, members of the judiciary sit in wig and gown, and municipal leaders put on the mayoral robes and chain for state occasions. These ensignia are not used as adornments of the individual, but as indications of the responsibilities of office. So also in the Church of God it is customary for the Bishop to be attired in special vestments reminiscent of his solemn duty in fulfilling the apostolic office of overseer or elder.