

They can be used either in Church or by the fireside. They are quite definite in their teaching and will contain in them new and fresh illustrations of the Gospels which should prove of value to those who are constantly having to prepare talks for children. "Modern Illustrations of the Gospels," by P. C. Sands (4/-) is intended for Bible Classes. The introductory lessons show how wrong ideas of God cause people to suffer, hate and fear death. The next two sections are biographical sketches of Christian men of different races and colour, and there are two long sections with modern illustrations of the Doings and Sayings of Our Lord in the synoptic Gospels.

### THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

There are three smaller books for confirmation candidates. "The Christian Life" by D. G. W. Harrison and S. F. Allison (2/6) is a Communicants' Manual a little out of the ordinary. It is in three parts, the first sets out the meaning of the Christian Faith and its implications for life; the second is concerned with the way in which that Christian life can be lived and the third is the service of Holy Communion with suggestions for the communicants' use. "Life, What Must I Think About It?" by Norman Hook (1/9) consists of a number of short letters to John, who is any boy of fifteen or sixteen, to help him find his feet in regard to religion and to life generally. The letters are simply written in an easy style which should appeal to boys who are wanting to know where God and religion come into the scheme of things. Another little book for the same boys is "Follow My Leader," by D. Osborn Hann (1/9) which gives to them thoughts about their life from the time of confirmation. There are chapters on My Rule of Life, Bible Reading, Prayers, Communion and others, and an appendix of Morning and Evening Prayers and a Preparation for Holy Communion. In the "Youth Ask Questions" series mentioned last month there is a specially good pamphlet, "Can We Now Believe," by J. R. Lamb (5d) which should help not only youth but adults to find God through the Church of Christ.—S.R.G.

## MAORI CHURCH NOTES

### Inspiring Mission At Wairoa

The Bishop of Aotearoa and Canon W. G. Williams conducted a mission at Wairoa from Tuesday, May 23rd, till Sunday, 29th. The services were held afternoon and evening in the new Takitimu carved Meeting House. The deacons had arranged an altar and curtains on the platform, a fitting symbol of the way in which ancient Maori religious concepts, as represented in the carvings and wall panels around the building, had found their fulfilment in the Christian Gospel.

On the Thursday evening His Lordship gave a most interesting lantern talk on the Tambaram Conference, and its testimony to the power of the Gospel to unite peoples of every creed and race even in these days of international unrest and discord.

On the Friday evening the Bishop of Waiapu came from Napier to deliver a message to the people. Those who were present will not soon forget the Bishop's impressive address on the great heritage which we possess in the Christian Church, with its divinely given doctrines and sacraments, and the seriousness of forsaking these for something else which is less than the whole truth of God.

At the closing service of the mission on Sunday evening, which lasted for two and a half hours, and a short service held by special request at a private home the following morning, 53 people stood to dedicate or rededicate themselves to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the service many of those present stood up to express their gratitude for the fresh inspiration which the mission had brought to them. The Rev. H. Huata, Vicar of the Pastorate, said that in the whole 40 years of his ministry this had been his first experience of a parochial mission, and he wished that he could have had the experience years before.

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## MELANESIAN MISSION.

### A Valued Priest In The Native Ministry.

The illustration below shows the wonderful improvement of the natives in recent years.

The Rev. Judah Butu! One of the best priests in the native ministry . . . a fine character and much trusted. Judah's life has not been without sadness. Towards the end of 1926 Judah was raised to the priesthood, and married Mabel Malbo, one of the finest women on the island of Raga, New Hebrides Islands. After the service they went off some miles down the coast to Central Raga for the wedding feast, among Mabel's relations. They found everyone ill with influenza.

They set out a few days later for Maewo, where Judah was to carry on his work, although they were both suffering from the epidemic. They reached Lamalana, on Raga, both exhausted, Mabel being very ill, and a day or two later she passed away.

Some years later Judah married again.



The Rev. Judah Butu and family.