

## PARISH NOTES.

### St. Andrew's, Port Ahuriri.

**Confirmation:** On Whitsunday evening the Bishop administered the sacrament of confirmation to John Hubert Low, Hilary Arthur Martin, Eric Phillip Prebble, Terence William Hague, Robert Petrus Percival Ericksen, Lawrence Edward McCarthy and Jessie Frances Stokes.

Members of the Girls' Club spent an evening recently entertaining the boys of France House. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and successful evening.

A team from St. Andrew's Sunday School also journeyed to France House for soccer, France House winning with seven goals to nil. A return match is being planned to take place when St. Andrew's hope to turn the tables.

A probationary branch of the C.E.M.S. was formed on June 14. This was the outcome of a meeting held at Eskdale three weeks previously and addressed by the Bishop and the Vicar. The Bishop gave a report on the C.E.M.S. conference which was held recently at New Plymouth.

Mr Marcus Smith was appointed secretary and treasurer to the branch.

An interesting lecture was given by the Bishop of Aotearoa on his visit to India for the Madras Conference. The talk was accompanied by lantern slides. A collection was taken during the evening.

## THE CHURCH ARMY.

### Trainees For The Field.

On May 27th four trainees, after passing all necessary tests and theological examinations, were commissioned as officers, and sent to new work. They were:—Captain V. Bunce, to Temuka Parish, Christchurch Diocese; Captain C. Wright, to Plimmerton Parish, Wellington Diocese; Sister E. Brady, social work amongst Maori girls, Auckland Diocese; Sister M. Kenmare, Greymouth Parish, Nelson Diocese.

On June 1st, Sister M. E. Press, a trained social worker from England, took up her duties as Matron and Superintendent of the St. Mary's Homes, Wellington.

Miss J. Cummings, New Lynn, Auckland, and Miss R. Austin, of Woolston, Christchurch, have been accepted as candidates, and will commence their training at the Auckland headquarters on June 22.

The total strength of the Church Army in New Zealand, including the two new candidates is now 17 officers, five trainees, and three other staff.

The recently concluded college term, and the cost of sending out the new officers, has proved a severe strain on the Church Army funds (training is free) and it is hoped that Church people will do their utmost to send some special financial help to Captain Banyard, 90 Richmond Road, Auckland, W.I.

## Girls' Life Brigade.

### Dedication Service By Bishop Of Aotearoa.

The spread of the Brigade Movement amongst the Maori young people should be of special value in raising the standard of their Church and community life. An interesting service was held recently in the Manutuke Maori Church, when the Bishop of Aotearoa, Dominion Chaplain to the Girls' Life Brigade, dedicated the flag of the 1st Turanga Company of Maori girls. Several companies of the Boys' Brigade were present, also the local Guides and Brownies. The flag, bearing the words: "1st Turanga Company," was carried by a colour party of Maori girls, and was escorted to the altar by colour bearers from the Boys' Brigade.

After the flag was laid on the altar, and prayers of dedication were said, the Bishop preached a forceful sermon on the Brigade aims and ideals, referring to the rule of loyalty to our Church, and service to others, and made special reference to the missionary aspect of the G.L.B. movement. His Lordship

stated that he had requests from Bishops in Melanesia and India for a Maori missionary to be sent. He hoped that through the Brigade Movement the needs would be supplied.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Matron of Abbotsford Home wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks the following gifts:—

Cakes and sandwiches, Young Farmers' Club, Onga Onga, Mr A. Allhusen, Argyll, Mothers' Union, Waipawa Bowling Club, Plunket Ball Committee.

Apples and Pears.—Mr G. Rochfort, Hastings; Mr X. Waipawa.

Cocoa and sweets.—A Friend, Waipukurau.

Firewood.—Mr F. McHardy.

Sheep.—Mr F. McHardy.

Bag of onions.—Mrs Menzies.

Fresh fish.—Mr Glennly, Onga Onga.

Cooked meal.—Central H.B. Electric Power Board.

Parcel tripe.—Mrs Meredith.

Parcel of clothes.—Anonymous, Waipukurau.

## DIOCESAN FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER.

Subjects for intercession may be sent to Deaconess Mabel Henn, 31 Napier Terrace, Napier, not later than 15th of each month.

Most gracious God, to know and love Whose Will is righteousness, enlighten our souls with the brightness of Thy presence, that we may both know Thy will and be enabled to perform it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

Let us pray:

For **our Bishop**, that God will bless, guide and protect him in all his ways.

For **our Clergy** (both Maori and pakeha) that God will pour upon them the continual dew of His blessing.

For **several young men** who are seeking a vocation in Holy Orders, that they may truly know God's will and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to respond to it.

For **our choirs**, that they may sing with the spirit and the understanding.