

tricts, and yet belief in the unity of the body, and realisation of our common membership in the one family are absolutely necessary for the living of the Christian life. If we are not interested in the work of sister parishes, of other dioceses of the Catholic Church throughout the world, and of church missions, we are devoid of a great part of the Christian spirit. The news in our diocesan paper of church progress among our brethren, and especially in our own diocese, will give encouragement and hope, sympathy with the needs of others will increase charity, its news from the mission field will strengthen our faith, and its instructive articles will deepen our knowledge. No true churchman can afford to be without his church paper.

The Needs of the District—Owing to the phenomenal growth of this district during the past three years the present provision for services is sadly inadequate. We want more lay readers, more churches, more Sunday schools, two or three more clergy; more earnest communicants, more money and more of everything. The Vicar is only too painfully aware how neglected the work is, but so far neither the Bishop nor the Vicar has been able to find anyone willing to come as assistant curate.

Progress—We understand that two gentlemen, whose generosity has already been many times proved, have offered £50 apiece towards the building fund at Te Karaka. The section is already paid for and we have good hope that it will not be long before the building is commenced.

HASTINGS: S. Matthews.

Clergy: The Rev. J. Hobbs and the Rev. J. L. A. Kayll.

1st Sunday in the month—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins, Litany, and Sermon; 2.30 p.m. Catechising and Holy Baptism; 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

2nd Sunday in the month—11 a.m. Litany and Holy Communion; 2.30 p.m. Sunday School; 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

3rd Sunday in the month—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins, Litany, and Sermon; 2.30 p.m. Sunday School; 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

4th Sunday in the month—11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion; 2.30 p.m. Sunday School; 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

5th Sunday in the month—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins, Litany, and Sermon; 2.30 p.m. Sunday School; 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Daily—Matins 9 a.m.; Evensong 7.15 p.m. Holy Baptism, Churchings, and Occasional Services as required.

Welcome to the Assistant Clergyman—On Thursday, June 13th, the accommodation of the Parish Hall was taxed to the uttermost, the occasion being a welcome social given by the parishioners to the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. A. Kayll. At the opening of the programme the Vicar explained to those present that on that day they celebrated the Jubilee of the signing of the Constitution of the church to which they belonged, and announced that in their midst was a clergyman well over eighty years of age, who was present at the first meeting of the General Synod, and whom he would ask to address them. The Rev. W. Ronaldson, in accepting the invitation, concisely traced the difficulties of the church in its early days and explained the principles of the Constitution which has proved so effective for the past fifty years and which has been adopted as a model upon which other ecclesiastical provinces have framed their Constitutions.

The Vicar read apologies for absence from Mr J. N. Williams, the Revs. Gardiner, White, and Ramsay. Mr

Wellwood, then, on behalf of the parishioners, extended a cordial welcome to Mr and Mrs Kayll and sketched the history of the parish from its earliest period until the present.

The Rev. Mr Tinsley, in exceedingly kind words, extended a welcome to the new curate and his wife, Mr C. A. FitzRoy, who is resigning the post of parishioners' warden, took the occasion of saying farewell to the congregation.

The Rev. J. Kayll, on behalf of his wife and himself, thanked the parishioners for their kind welcome and expressed the hope that his work would justify the confidence that they had expressed in him. During the handing round of refreshments the Vicar introduced his assistant individually to the members of the congregation.

Men's Pastime Club—On Monday, June 17th, a meeting of men was held to consider the project of forming a club for men. There was a very good attendance, and the matter was enthusiastically affirmed, a committee of ways and means being appointed, to meet and report to another general meeting to be held the next week.

Jockey Boys' Entertainment.—One of the happiest spectacles one could wish to see was that of an entertainment given by the Vicar to the trainers, jockeys and their friends on Tuesday, the 18th. The proceedings were quite informal and from the enthusiastic manner in which the boys indulged in the amusement provided, got up and sang songs, it was very evident that they deeply appreciated the effort on their behalf. When the Vicar told them that these entertainments would be held regularly and extended an invitation to them to join the Pastime Club, they fairly let loose their feelings and indulged in hearty cheers and round applause. After refreshments, the meeting broke up, several trainers remaining behind to express to the Vicar their conviction that a very deep impression had been made upon the lads that they had in him a true friend. They also declared that such efforts would be of incalculable assistance to those who had charge of the lads and would supply a want which they had thought never would nor could be met.

DANNEVIRKE: S. John's.

Vicar: Rev. E. Robertshawe, B.A.

Churchwardens—W. F. Knight, Esq., and A. Webber, Esq.

Vestrymen—Messrs W. T. Irvine, S. Tansley, R. Soundy, H. A. Bamford, C. Eddins, H. Tilsey and R. H. Coltman.

Lay Readers—Messrs Webber and Ronberg.

Choirmaster—Mr J. R. Russell
Organist—Mr T. O. Kerr.

SERVICES.

Holy Communion—11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month; 8 a.m. on other Sundays and Holy Days.

Matins—On Sundays at 11. Evensong at 7.
Baptisms and Churchings—On the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2.30 p.m.

Baptisms—James William Wylie.
Marriages—Frank William Hawkins and Mabel Ayres; George Norton and Lillian Tudor Wratt.

Confirmation—On May 13th the Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a confirmation in St. John's, Dannevirke, when 21 candidates were presented by the Vicar. The service was taken without evensong, and gained in impressiveness. By this means the congregation's thoughts were fixed on one thing—the ordinance of the laying on of hands. When the confirmation service is pre-

ceded by matins, or evensong, the service becomes too long, and the attention of the people and clearness of outline are lost. Some who were above the usual age were confirmed, and so set a good example to the younger people. We trust that at the next confirmation, any that have not been confirmed will not be ashamed to come forward to take up the yoke of Christ.

A great event in church progress in this town has been the installation of the pipe organ. For several years churchmen have been considering the question of the possibility of providing an instrument better fitted for the praises of God than the one which has served the church for the last 18 years. Last year, hearing that the cathedral organ was for sale, it was determined to attempt to raise the funds necessary, about £370. The choir under Mr Russell and Mr Kerr offered to be responsible for £50, £26 4s 11d of which has been paid over as the net proceeds of two concerts, leaving £24 to come in from that source. The churchmen of the place have given about £310, nearly all of which has been paid in. This leaves from £10 to £15 yet to be met. The congregation are to be congratulated on their open-heartedness. There is no scheme for raising funds equal to direct giving, and let us hope that the same method will be pursued in the future. The organ was used for the first time on Sunday, May 26th, when the tone was much admired, and the help given by it to the singing much appreciated.

Another great movement in church life and cause for thanksgiving is the establishment of Bible classes in the public schools of the town. This is a movement which, begun in Nelson Province, has existed for some years in Hastings, Havelock, and Waipawa, and now has spread to the Parishes of Gisborne and Dannevirke. This work is possible wherever brotherly regard for each other's work exists among the various Ministers of the town. We trust to hear shortly that the same custom obtains in every school in the Diocese.

A very handsome chancel chair has been presented to the Church by Mr Thomas Bates, one of the oldest churchmen of this Parish. The chair is made of picked rimu, and is of a handsome ecclesiastical pattern. Such gifts show the interest that people take in the House of God.

WEBBER.

The Bishop having instructed the Rev. David Ruddock to visit the Weber district, he did so during last month, remaining for two Sundays.

On the third Sunday after Easter he conducted services at Weber at 11, Waitahora 3.30, and at Mangatoto accommodation house at 7. The Communion was celebrated at Weber and Waitahora, there were fairly good congregations at each service.

On the fourth Sunday after Easter service was held at Mangatuna, and Holy Communion at 11, Waipatiki at 9, Weber at 7. There was service on the following Wednesday in the Weber Church at 7.

Four infants were baptised at various places, and Mr Ruddock visited as many of the residents as he could during his short stay; he was in the saddle every day but one—the only wet day.

Mr Ruddock was very hospitably entertained by many among us. I hear of a very general wish that he may soon come again; we trust therefore that the Bishop will spare him to us again.