

tute children. In New Zealand, at Christchurch, you have a delightful home; which the League has started, where ailing children can go to get well again. In Victoria, too, there is a splendid home of the same kind, which has done no end of good. I must not weary you by telling you of all our institutions, but I trust that a great many more children as well as older boys and girls will join the League, and that they will try to learn something of what it means to be a Christian, namely, to be a follower of Him who went about doing good.

Believe me to be

Your affectionate friend,

M. J. MEATH.

**Confirmation.**—The Bishop held the solemn rite of Confirmation on July 4th, when 37 candidates were presented—20 males and 17 females. The girls from the Hukarere School will be confirmed in a few weeks.

**Girls' Friendly Society.**—The fifth annual meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society was held on Thursday, July 13th, at 4 p.m., the Bishop of Waiapu in the chair. There were present Mesdames Hansard, Ruddock, Stopford and Watson, and Misses Thornton and K. Williams, also the Rev. Canon Mayne, Rev. C. L. Tuke, and Rev. G. B. Nanson.

The following report and statement of accounts were read and adopted:—The work of the society has been going on steadily during the past year and there certainly seems to be greater interest taken in it as time goes on. Although 10 new members have joined, the total number has not increased, owing to some leaving the diocese and others getting married. There are now 77 members, 22 associates (1 more than last year) and 12 candidates. Two married members have become married helpers. In November last, Miss Peacock, the organising secretary from England, visited Napier. She was entertained by the associates and members, to whom she gave very interesting and helpful addresses. The G.F.S. stall was again held at the mission bazaar, and it realised £4 2s. The parish of St. Augustine's has been linked with that of Stoke Damerel, Devonport, England, and a regular correspondence has sprung up between the members of these two parishes. During the year, very successful sociable evenings have been held in St. Augustine's Schoolroom, and at the last of these Mrs Tuke was presented with a handsome bookcase which had been carved for her by the members. The annual intercessional services were held on June 20th, the day appointed in England. There were two celebrations of the Holy Communion at the Cathedral, and in the evening a short service was held in St. Augustine's Church at which the Bishop preached the sermon. He dwelt on the duty of self-sacrifice and every member becoming an active member for Christ. On the conclusion of the service, the annual festival was held in the adjacent schoolroom, a pleasant evening with music, singing, recitations and plenty of refreshments having been arranged for the occasion. The branch at Opatiki has been carried on successfully during the year, and now numbers 19 members.

"Statement of Accounts of the Waiapu branch of the Girls' Friendly Society for the year 1906 to 1907.—Receipts: Balance from last year £5 9s 10d, subscriptions (associates) £3, subscription (members) £3 5s. Savings Bank interest, etc., 4s; total, £11 18s 10d. Expenditure: G.F.S. publications £1 3s 7d; Miss Peacock's expenses £1 7s, advertising £1 6s 6d, postages and stationery 11s 4d, sun-

dries 1s 6d, cash in hand £1 8s, Savings Bank balance £6 0s 11d; total, £11 18s 10d."

The council elected was as follows:—Mesdames Mayne, Tuke, C. H. Maclean, Hansard, J. McLean, Watson and Nanson. Secretary, Mrs Stopford; auditor, Mr Hansard.

**Baptisms.**—Elizabeth Richmond Ridell, Douglas Chambers, John Murray Heise, Frank Heise, Murray Heise, Karen Margerite Heise, William George Stedman McKernon, John Cranston Lindsay Margolouth, Benjamin Bayly Johnson, Wilton Ernest Henley, and 4 adults.

**Marriages.**—Frederick Delannoy Lucie, jun., and Martha Gage.

**Death.**—Percy Marmont Howell, one month.

## PORT AHURIRI: S. Andrew's

Vicar: Rev. Oliver Dean.

## NAPIER: S. Augustine's.

Vicar: Rev. C. Laurence Tuke.

Vicar's Warden—Mr R. Thorp.

People's Warden—Mr W. Scott.

Vestrymen—Messrs J. P. Williamson, E. Berill, H. Hare, J. Griffin, T. Faulkner, C. Saunders, H. White, H. Langley, A. Rood.

Synodsmen—Messrs C. Saunders and J. P. Williamson.

Lay Readers—Messrs C. Saunders, A. G. Pallot, and C. F. Saunders.

Choirmaster and Organist—Mr H. L. Harston.

Superintendents Sunday Schools—Morning: Mr A. G. Pallot. Afternoon: Mr T. Lawlor.

### PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS.

Sunday Services—8 a.m. Holy Communion, excepting on the 3rd Sunday, at 12 noon. Matins, 11 a.m. Evensong, 7 p.m. All seats free.

Sunday School—10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Church Lads' Brigade—2 p.m., Sunday Bible Class; Weekly Meeting on Mondays 7.15 p.m.

Vestry Meeting—First Wednesday in each month.

Girls' Friendly Society—On 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

S. Barnabas Association—Fortnightly, on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Women's Guild—Weekly, on Fridays at 2.30 p.m.

Teachers' Meetings—Monthly, on 2nd Tuesday at 7.15 p.m.

Bible Classes and Confirmations as notified by the Vicar.

Choir Practice—Weekly, on Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of parishioners was held on Wednesday evening, the 17th of July. About sixty persons were present. The Vicar's report showed that the year had been a very busy one. The new aisle had supplied the need for more room, and added greatly to the appearance of the church. The services had been well attended, and the choir under the able management of Mr H. L. Harston had much improved. The regular attendance of many of its members had been a great support. The Sunday School under the superintendency of Mr T. M. Lawlor who had earned the respect of teachers and children alike, had been well maintained. The morning school was also regularly held. Messrs Crossman and Pallot were very helpful as teachers, and the latter also as secretary and treasurer. Miss Faulkner, who had been to Sydney for a holiday, would be much missed as a regular teacher; she had been a hard and

willing worker in the school for years. The Women's Guild, under Mrs P. W. Collins as superintendent and Mrs Hare as secretary, had done excellent work, and paid over £37 to the new aisle fund. The Girls' Friendly Society had held some splendid meetings and was indebted to the associates, Mrs Watson and Mrs J. McLean for instruction in wood-carving, and to Mrs C. Maclean in the earlier months of the year. The St. Barnabas meetings were helpful to our younger members in interesting them in Mission work. The Church Lads' Class had been well attended on Sundays, and a class for wood-carving under James Berry, an old Church Lad, and Walter Kaye, had made a good start. There had been 264 communicants, 78 baptisms, 34 burials, 33 confirmed, and 29 marriages for the year. In these respects it had been a record year. Mr Thorp was again nominated by the Vicar as his Warden. Mr W. Scott was elected People's Warden vice Mr T. Lawlor, who unfortunately now lived so far away. Messrs J. P. Williamson, E. Berill, H. Hare, T. Griffin, T. Faulkner, C. Saunders, H. White, H. Langley and A. Rood were elected on the Vestry. Mr T. Redshaw was re-appointed auditor. Mr J. P. Williamson had earned our gratitude in managing the finances, which had been put on a business footing. The Vicarage is to be connected with the telephone system. The Vicar closed his remarks with a warm expression of thanks to all helpers, and with a hope that all would be living members in the church work, which had grown beyond one man's powers to serve. The parish could not afford a curate at present, though one was badly needed. The after part of the meeting took the form of a social, and was much enjoyed.

The parish concert held on the 19th instant was an unqualified success, the schoolroom being well filled with an appreciable audience. The Vestry owes a debt of thanks to all who so kindly and ably assisted. The spring flower show will be held at the end of August or first week in September, when musical selections will be given each evening. Mr Yates will again give his valued assistance, and we may count on a very good display of spring blooms. The children will again have their competitions.

The Bishop of New Guinea is at present in Sydney, where he hopes to get rid of his bronchitis. He much regrets being absent from New Guinea when the Archbishop of Brisbane visits the Mission, but he hopes to meet him in Samarai on his return journey. There are 1850 children in the day schools. The Bishop hopes to reach London on May 15th next year, and to be there during the Pan-Anglican Congress until the end of September. He has six or seven books to put through the press, which means much proof correcting. One book will be on Missionary problems, to which he is contributing by writing on "The Papuan."

**Baptisms.**—Catherine Ann Lee, Edward Robert Shipp, Dorothy Marshall Tickner, Thomas James Ellery.

**Marriages.**—Patrick James Henry to Maud Ingram.

**Burials.**—Caroline Ann Lee, 7 weeks; Elizabeth Bickerstaff, 51 years; Christopher Beechey, 62 years; Thomas James Ellery, 3 weeks; George Ashton, 72 years.

## TOLAGA BAY.

Vicar: Rev. W. Robinson.