

PAROCHIAL INTELLIGENCE.

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CATHEDRAL PARISH.

Vicar: Rev. Canon Frank Mayne, M.A.

Curate: Rev. Gerald B. Nanson.

Lay Readers—Messrs E. Andrews, B.A., T. Tanner, F. W. Williams.
Organist and Choirmaster—J. H. Fray, F.M.I.C.

Sanctuary Guild—Messdames J. H. Coleman, Levien, J. P. Thomson; Misses Bishop, Braithwaite, Jardine, Kennedy, Margoliouth, Todd.
Chapel Altar Flowers—Miss F. Sutton.

Churchwardens—Vicar's: F. W. Williams. Parish: J. B. Fielder.

Vestry—Dr. E. A. W. Henley, Messrs C. H. Edwards, J. H. Sheath, G. G. F. Smallbone, A. Steadman, T. Tanner, J. P. Thomson, H. S. St. Paul, T. M. Thornton.
Verger—J. Corbett, Raffles street.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Holy Communion—Every Sunday, 8 a.m. (plain); 1st Sunday in month, 12 a.m. (plain); 3rd Sunday in month, 11 a.m. (choral); Matins, 11 a.m., except 3rd Sunday, then 10.30 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

Holy Communion—Saints' Days, 8 a.m.; Thursdays, 8 a.m.
Daily Matins, 3.45 a.m.; Daily Evensong, 5.15 p.m.; Evensong, with Address, on Thursdays, 7.35 p.m.

Holy Baptism and Churchings—2nd and 4th Sundays, 3.30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
Sunday Schools, at 3 p.m.—Main School, Mr Sheath; Napier Terrace, Miss Thornton; Lucy Road, Mr C. F. Smallbone.

Young Men's Bible Class—At Vicarage, Sundays, 2.15 p.m.
Bible Teaching—Main School, Tuesdays, 3.45 p.m.

S. John's Communicant's Guild—Last Thursday in month, 8 p.m. in Vestry

Ministering Children's League—For information apply to Mrs Westall, Priestly Road; Meetings, 1st Friday, in Schoolroom.
Teachers' Meeting—1st Thursday, after Evensong.

Gleaners' Union—Meetings when announced
Mothers' Union—Presidents, Mrs F. Mayne, Mrs F. W. Williams; Meetings, 3rd Wednesday in month, 2.30 p.m.

Dorcas Society—Meetings during winter months on every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 2.30 p.m. in the Schoolroom

Missions—Maori, 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.; Melanesian, 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m.

Mr Nanson has been relieving the Rev. H. T. Rawnsley who has been ordered by his doctor to take a month's complete rest and change. Mr Rawnsley has gone to Rotorua. We hope he will return at the end of the month quite recovered.

The Gaol Library.—The Vicar will be glad to receive works by standard authors, especially biographies, and works of travel for the gaol library, which sadly needs replenishing. Donations will be thankfully received for the same object.

The annual meeting of the Hawke's Bay auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the Athenaeum Hall at 8 p.m., October 4th, the Bishop of Waiapu being in the chair. The attendance, owing to the inclemency of the weather, was small, but there was no lack of interest in the proceedings. The meeting was opened by prayer by the Rev. J. A. Asher. The annual report was read by the Rev. Canon Mayne, who, with the Rev. A. C. Lawry, is joint secretary of the branch. He said that the Hawke's Bay auxiliary of the society had now entered on the 34th year of its existence, and had to record a sustained interest in the work. A thorough canvass had been made of the town and suburbs, and a committee appointed to arrange for the sale of the Scriptures at the homes of the people. The statement of the treasurer, Mr J. Holmes Dean, showed that the receipts for the year from sales and contributions were £193 5s 6d, and the expenditure £122 19s 7d, leaving a credit balance of £40 14s 10d. The election of committee resulted as follows:—The clergy of town and suburbs and Messrs T. Tanner, J. W. Craig, J. Holmes Dean, J. C. Thomson, F. W. Williams, M. W. P. Lascelles, T. E. Cobb, A. S. M. Polson and A. Clatworthy. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. R. McNaughtan and A. C. Lawry and Messrs Polson and Clatworthy. During the evening, hymns were sung and musical items rendered by Mrs J. H. Fray and Mr Mitford Taylor. The collection amounted to £2 15s 6d. Votes of thanks were passed to the lady collectors and to those who had provided the musical part of the programme. The benediction was then pronounced by the Bishop of Waiapu, and the evening closed.

Universal sympathy was felt for the bereaved parents of the late Mr Percy Smith, who met his death through falling over a cliff 44 feet high. The deceased was a fine manly fellow and greatly beloved and respected by all who knew him.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr Rudolf Blofield Mathias, clerk of the Magistrate's Court and Deputy-Registrar of the Supreme Court at Napier, which occurred on October 21st. Some years ago, Mr Mathias suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he never made a complete recovery. Latterly it had seemed to his friends that he was not as well as usual, and on Sunday evening, the 20th ult., at 10 o'clock he suffered a second shock. He was at once taken to the Marine Parade Private Hospital, and died there about 7 o'clock the following morning.

The deceased was a son of the late Archdeacon Mathias, of Christchurch, who left a widow and fourteen of a family. When quite a lad, Mr R. B. Mathias entered the service of the Justice Department, and was sent to the Otago goldfields district, being stationed at Naseby and subsequently at Queenstown, and was afterwards transferred to Christchurch, where for a time he was Deputy-Registrar of the Supreme Court. About twelve years ago he came to Napier as clerk of the Magistrate's Court and Deputy-Registrar of the Supreme Court, and held those positions until his death. His mother still resides at Christchurch, as well as several other members of the family. The only relative Mr Mathias had in Napier was his cousin, Mr Horace Baker.

Mr Mathias was a general favorite with all who knew him, a man of genial nature and kindly disposition. The members of the legal profession who came most closely into contact with him respected him as an efficient official and esteemed him as a personal friend. His sense of humor and hearty laugh made him a favorite companion of old and young. Nobody had an ill word for him, and he had an ill word for nobody. He had before his illness been an athlete of high repute, and as a cricketer had represented Canterbury in interprovincial matches. There are few people who will be more generally missed, and much sympathy will be felt for his relatives in their bereavement.

The following interesting item is kindly supplied by Miss Thornton. "With the help of many kind contributors, and also the full attendance on the day of those interested in the cause, a most successful sale in aid of mission work was held in St. John's Schoolroom, Napier, on September 18th, realising £80.

The proceeds will be divided as follows:—£10. Annual subscription to support a child's cot in the Amritza hospital, £15 to the Melanesian Mission, £20 to the Maori Mission, £35 to the Church Missionary Association towards the stipend of "The Napier Gleaners Own Missionary" (Miss Alice Wilson)."

Baptisms—Ronald Trent Bowie, Mervyn Alfred Prior Williams, William Henry Thodey, Winifred Myrtle Smith, Owen Gordon King.

Marriages—Edwin Thomas Baker and Thyra Mabel King.

Burials—Percy Newbigin Smith, 20 years; Emma Hughes, 68 years; Rudolph Blofield Mathias, 46 years.

TOLAGA BAY.

Vicar: Rev. W. Robinson.