

Within the Veil

KATHLEEN CLEMENTS.
 On Sunday evening, September 25, Kathleen Clements passed away in her thirty-fourth year. Kathleen had known serious illness some years ago, but recovered sufficiently to enable her to take up life again and join, partially at least, in the activities she loved. But the past winter was a time of progressive weakness, and at length the tired heart gave up the struggle and she was laid at rest. Kathleen grew up in the Selwyn Street South Sunday School. Her religious development showed no special crisis or time of stress, but that she responded early to the appeal of Christ is shown by the fact that she began teaching in the school at fourteen, and the permanence of the foundations laid is attested by a devotion to this work which lasted to the end. After Union she worked most successfully in the Beginners' Department, first as Assistant and then as Leader, and this work she continued as long as strength permitted, so that there are many in the Church to-day who passed happy Sunday afternoons in her care.

She joined the Choir at sixteen years of age, and this work, also, she greatly loved. She knew her hymn book and her singing was inspired by faith and understanding. Her life adorned her worship, even as her flowers often adorned the church, and she represented the best type our Christian homes produce. Union Church is definitely poorer for her loss.

Kathleen was the eldest daughter of Mrs Clements, of Rosewarne Street, Spreydon, and the late C. T. Clements, Mr and Mrs George Fow, of Waimate. Mrs Clements has known much sorrow and trial, but the sympathy of a large number of friends surrounds her and the members of the family.

MISS BETSY CROSKELL.

The passing home of Miss Betsy Croskell, of George Street, New Brighton, in her eighty-first year occurred at her residence on Friday, August 26, 1932.

She, with her parents, brothers and sisters, may be truly spoken of as honourable members of the early Canterbury pioneers. Miss Betsy Croskell was born at Anderley, Lincolnshire, England, in 1855, and at the age of twenty-six came to New Zealand with her late father, brother and sister in the good ship Rakatia some fifty-five years ago. She lived in Christchurch for three years, and immediately joined up at Durham Street Methodist Church. At the end of that period she and her two brothers journeyed out to farm in the Ashburton district, settling at Willowby. The Rev Abernethy was then the minister at Willowby Methodist Church, which she made her spiritual home for many years. After the death of her father and one of her brothers, she and her surviving brother sold the farm and took up their residence in New Brighton, by the sea, where they have lived happily together for some thirty-three years. On coming to New Brighton she identified herself with our Methodist Church, where she has been a most devoted and useful member until her death. In addition to being a regular worshipper when health permitted, she acted as a member of the local Ladies' Guild and Missionary Auxiliary of the East Belt Circuit, occupying the position of Missionary Secretary and Treasurer of the local branch for several years. For over sixty years she has been a true Christian and live Methodist, and was highly esteemed by the members of our New Brighton cause. For some months, owing to weight of years and illness, she has been confined to her home and unable to participate in the work and worship of the Church. It was an inspiration to visit her, and never without feeling that you had conversed and worshipped with a great soul absorbed in the love of her Saviour and keen to publish Him to all who went to see her. To her the Christ was real, and her ever-present friend, whom she loved and trusted with her whole heart. She waited the homecoming with cheerfulness and great fortitude, and early

on Friday morning, August 26, went home to be for ever with the Lord.

MRS. F. I. HALL.

To be requested by the members of the family to pen a tribute to Mrs Hall, sen., of Fitzroy, calls for one's best, and even then one must ever be conscious of the inadequacy of the pen to describe a life so completely given over to the service of others as that of "Grandma" Hall, of Fitzroy. Left a widow with a family of ten young children, later on in life to accept with joy the care of two grandchildren to labour on the farm in order that the daily bread might be assured; to bring up all her family in a manner that ever has called for great praise; above all, to be at all times mindful of her duty to God and the Church of her love—how, then, can one truly express on paper the worth of a life such as this?

The "home call" came on September 14, and at the age of eighty-three this choice soul was promoted to the Eternal Glory, leaving behind her an influence that will long be felt in this part of the Dominion.

The casket was laid to rest in the Old Huirangi Cemetery, alongside loved ones long since at rest. And thus we said "Not good-bye, but good-night" to one of the fast-disappearing band of early settlers, praying that her spirit of loyal and devoted service for the Master may inspire all who remain to "work the works of Him while it is day."

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest."

R.B.G.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

TARANAKI STREET.

Meeting held on October 10. The Rev T. R. Richards presided, and there were also present the Revs R. P. Keall, T. A. Brady and a large attendance of members. The Rev T. R. Richards welcomed several new members. The meeting of members stood in silence while motions of sympathy were passed for the bereaved of the late Rev W. Baumber and Mr John Priestley. The statement of income and expenditure showed very encouraging results. The membership returns were: Taranaki Street total 545, Brooklyn 225, Webb Street 43, Aro Street 69. The reports of the Sunday Schools and Bible Class activities revealed a fine spiritual work being done among the young people. Wesley Church with its Youth Department is a hive of spiritual industry. Mr W. E. Howe was commended for his excellent work as head of the Sunday School. Messrs L. J. Clark and R. S. Maunder were appointed representatives to the District Synod. Home and Foreign Missions were considered, and all parts of the Circuit were urged to do their utmost to support the income. The meeting extended a very hearty and unanimous invitation to the Rev T. R. Richards to remain in the Circuit for a fifth year. The Circuit Stewards spoke in the warmest appreciation of the efficient ministry of the Superintendent and of the timely contribution he is making to the Youth Department as its chairman. Mr Richards expressed his great pleasure in accepting this cordial expression of the esteem and confidence of his congregation. Great pleasure was expressed in the social work done by Mrs Richards. The Rev R. P. Keall was cordially invited for a second year, and the Rev T. A. Brady. Both ministers are doing good work. The Benediction closed a very happy and gracious meeting.

BLenheim.

Meeting held at Blenheim on October 11; Rev G. F. Stockwell presided over thirty-eight members. Arrangements were made for the visit of the Rev LeBinet, Foreign Mission Deputation. Also for Sunday School anniversary services. Membership roll showed an increase of six members. The Local Home Missionary Secretary reported that thus far £172 had been raised for Home Missions, the effort not yet complete. Circuit balance-sheet showed a slight deficit on the quarter's working.

Circuit Car Committee set up. Favourable reports of Sunday Schools were presented by Mr H. Oldham (Blenheim), Mr W. S. Harris (Tua Marina), Mr E. G. Burroughs (Picton) and Mr H. Hoar (Springlands). One local preacher on probation, also a new member on the Mission Bond. Unanimous invitations were extended to the Rev F. Cope-land, of Feilding, to become Superintendent Minister at next Conference (vice the Rev G. F. Stockwell, who has been the Superintendent Minister for the last five years). Also to the Rev H. S. Kings for a fourth year. Mr E. G. Burroughs, Miss E. Avery, and Mr C. W. Parker, were elected Circuit Representatives to Synod. Substitute representatives, Messrs W. S. Harris, J. S. White and V. Smart. Letters of greetings, condolence and sympathy were forwarded to members. Appreciation expressed at the Rev Stockwell's outspoken public utterances regarding the desecration of the Lord's Day. Strong resolutions passed regarding the above matter. An enjoyable supper concluded the meeting.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

Meeting held in Slade Hall, attended by thirty officials, including Rev L. B. Neale, Sisters Hazel and Lenna. The financial and statistical returns were excellent and gave evidence of real progress in every department of the mission. The net membership increase for the year was 70, and the Circuit collections for the quarter were £238, an average of £18 per Sunday, which is very satisfactory in these days. The crowded hall every Sunday night is a great inspiration, and the powerful Gospel appeals are not without their influence. It is very many years since our Young People's Work in Sunday School and Bible Classes have been so successful, and great credit is due to all leaders. The new Sunday School hall in Stuart Street has provided the necessary premises to carry on and expand this work, and our Superintendent's great work in providing this valuable addition to our property and premises will always be remembered by the Mission. The thanks of the Mission were accorded to Mrs Coulter for so faithfully providing the pulpit and platform flowers every Sunday, a service greatly appreciated. There was no lack of heartiness and enthusiasm concerning the invitations for next year, the present leaders all being unanimously invited, and accepted the invitations so sincerely given. Special thanks were accorded the Rev L. B. Neale, Mrs Grant, Mrs M'Aslan and other workers, in the Relief Depot, over £4000 having been spent in cash and goods on this work during the past nine months, and a magnificent work has been done: £1000 has been paid off our property debt, and £1600 spent on improving the newly-purchased property, including the cost of the new Sunday School hall. All the shops are let, and the Mission staff are happy in their new offices. This is a great performance in this critical year, and the Quarterly Meeting expressed their appreciation of all that has been accomplished, and thanks to 'all workers. Methodism has no reason to be ashamed of the work done by the Mission during the winter, as hundreds of needy cases, and unemployed have been assisted, and this work has been helped by donations from business men and friends of all denominations, and the Mission takes second place to none in the social service work in the city and suburbs. We go forward with every confidence to continue the good work.

WOOLSTON.

Meeting held Redcliffs on October 10; Rev J. Harris was in the chair, and there was a good representation from the Woolston, Opawa, Sumner, Heathcote and Redcliffs Churches. Mr H. W. Heslop expressed the appreciation of the meeting that the health of the superintendent minister had so far improved that he was able to take the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed and letters of sympathy were voted to the relatives of the late Mr Padlar, of Mount Pleasant, and the late Mrs Oetgen, of Heathcote. The membership returns were presented and adopted. The statement of income and expenditure for the past quarter revealed

a very satisfactory position, there being a small credit balance. The financial secretary stressed the significance of the fact that in such difficult times as the present our people were facing the financial position so well. It was decided to grant retiring offertories on December 18 on behalf of the work of the South Island Orphanage. Sunday School anniversaries for the coming quarter were reported to be: Woolston, October 16, Opawa, October 30; Sumner, November 6; Heathcote, December 4. Mr Jowsey gave a report of the Young People's Work in the Circuit, and made special mention of the work of Mrs G. Brown in the Redcliffs Sunday School. It was decided to congratulate the Redcliffs Sunday School on gaining 100 per cent of passes in the recent Scripture examinations for the third year in succession. Appreciation was also expressed that the Heathcote Bible Class was helping with services during this coming quarter. It was decided that a Circuit Young People's Committee should be formed to meet quarterly, to discuss matters relating to Sunday School and Bible Class work. Mr W. Burnell, of Heathcote, presented the Home Mission Report; £63 11s 2d has been raised by the Circuit this year towards Home Mission Funds, in comparison with £62 last year. The Foreign Mission effort is still incomplete. Lay representatives to Synod were then selected, and resulted in Messrs C. Cook, Bewsing and A. Holden being elected. The business of the staffing of the Circuit for the next year was then proceeded with. Mr H. W. Heslop had pleasure in asking the Rev J. Harris to continue as Superintendent Minister for another year. This motion was carried unanimously with applause. The Rev Harris suitably responded. The question of the Probationer for the coming year was left in the hands of the Circuit Stewards. After the business, supper was served by members of the Redcliffs Ladies' Guild, who were cordially thanked by Mr C. Hall.

WAIUKU.

Meeting held on October 6, presided over by Rev W. S. Neal. Letter of sympathy directed to be sent to Mr and Mrs V. J. Williams, formerly of Waiuku, in their bereavement. Membership roll: Seniors 70, junior 45, infants 32. Arrangements made for Home Mission services and meetings when Mr J. Voss, Vice-president of Conference, will be visiting the Circuit from October 23 to 25. Church anniversary fixed for November 20, and concert to follow. Retiring collections for orphanage authorized for December 18. Sunday School at Waiuku has recently been started in charge of Mr A. Fitchett with encouraging results. Rev W. S. Neal intimated that he had accepted an invitation to Dargaville for next year. It was unanimously decided to invite the Rev Walter Parker to Waiuku for 1933. The meeting decided to place on record its appreciation of the faithful work done by the Rev and Mrs Neal during their term of service in the Circuit. Messrs S. N. West and A. Oldfield were appointed Synod representatives.

HASTINGS.

There was a good attendance. Reports and balance-sheet showed a satisfactory quarter's work. The visit of Rev. A. J. Seamer had been well received. The proceeds of the concert had amounted to £16 17s. Contributions for Foreign Missions during the year had amounted to £175. Open Door subscribers were now 86. Sunday School report showed 244 on the roll—60 in the primary department and 82 in the Band of Hope roll. Y.P. report presented by the secretary (Miss Beale) showed all classes well attended and interest maintained. Seventeen Young People had been received into Church membership. £120 18s 1d had been raised by special efforts for Church Building Fund. Tennis Club started, and Wesley and Kotera Clubs still being held, though not so regularly. Mr. F. J. Gibbs and Mr. P. Loach were appointed lay representatives to attend Synod. An invitation to remain for a further term was extended to the Rev A. H. Scriven, who accepted, subject to the ruling of Conference.

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