

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Cathedral Conference, Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

Patron, Right Rev. J. J. Grimes, S.M., D.D., Bishop of Christchurch; spiritual director, Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., Vicar-General; president, Bro. E. O'Connor; vice-presidents, Bros. J. McCormick and G. C. Hayward; hon. treasurer, Bro. D. Edmonds; hon. secretary, Bro. W. S. Malaquin; wardrobe keeper, Bro. F. O'Connell.

Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended, July, 1905.

In submitting its eighteenth annual report the Cathedral Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul begs to sincerely thank all who have assisted in any way the Society in its allotted task. In an especial manner the Society records its sincere gratitude to his Lordship the Bishop for his eloquent appeal in the form of a charity sermon on the last occasion; to the Very Rev. Vicar-General and assistant clergy for their consistent help and encouragement, and to several friends for practical assistance and generous donations. The founding of Nazareth House in Christchurch is recorded with every satisfaction, and with the devoted and self-sacrificing Sisters of Nazareth in our midst, the Society has been relieved of much anxiety, especially in regard to the helpless and afflicted aged poor. Nazareth House, too, has proved a haven of refuge for quite a number of little children who were otherwise more or less neglected. At the present time there are cared for in the institution sixteen children, ranging from the tender age of about two years upwards. The Sunday school at Woolston, founded by the Society, was felt during the year to have outgrown the teaching resources and general supervision of the Conference, and was accordingly handed over to the Sisters of the Missions, who have since maintained the standard and added to the instruction imparted. All the expenses in connection with the Sunday school are still a charge on the Conference. The principal duties undertaken by the Conference during the year are summarised as follows:—Temporary board provided, 30 men; orders issued for groceries, fuel, meat, etc., 54 families; visits to families, 75; visits to Hospital, 80; boots and clothing provided in 32 cases; cash assistance given in 15 cases; employment found for seven men. The Society has also been officially represented at the S.M. Court, Police Station, Charitable Aid Board, Mayoral coal and blanket fund distribution, etc.

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ended July 12th, 1905.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance forward	11 16 6	By Groceries	5 4 0½
„ Collections weekly meetings	8 18 4½	„ Coal and wood	6 15 6
„ Collection on occasion of last annual appeal	22 0 0	„ Meat	3 1 6
„ Donations—		„ Lodgings (casuals)	6 6 0
Private	22 7 0	„ Catholic literature and requisites	6 8 0
Hyman Marks' Trustees	2 2 0	„ Contribution to Superior Council	2 0 0
		„ Sunday School (Woolston)	8 10 0
		„ Jubilee Home (tram passes to inmates to attend church)	2 7 6
		„ Cash advances and sundry incidental expenses	3 5 6
		„ Passage (part)	3 0 0
		„ Hospital charges	2 0 0
		„ Wardrobe, clothing, boots, rent	3 6 0
		„ Contributions to Ladies' Association	9 0 0
		„ Cash balance in hand	5 19 10
£67	3 10½	£67	3 10½

Ladies' Association.

President, Mrs. W. Holland; vice-president, Miss Mills; treasurer, Miss Nelson; secretary, Miss Murray; wardrobe keeper, Miss Gough; librarian, Miss Donnell.

In presenting the annual report of the Ladies' Association of Charity, an auxiliary of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, grateful thanks are tendered all the kind benefactors for practical assistance and sympathetic interest during the year. Left-off clothing sent in has proved most acceptable, and a constant supply

would be thankfully received and distributed to the best purpose. The hope is also expressed that many more ladies will find it convenient to join the Association either as active or honorary members. A substantial donation of coals, contributed by a lady friend to the Association for distribution to deserving cases, was the means of relieving the needs of 25 families in this regard during the winter. During the year 47 meetings were held, 250 visits were made to poor families, 26 to the Jubilee Memorial Home, 33 to the Hospital, 40 to the Female Refuge, and 7 to the Samaritan Home. There had been attendances at the Police Court in connection with neglected children, and representation on the Mayoral coal and blanket fund, by which a fair share of the benefits was obtained for our poor people. The ladies had also assisted at the Woolston Sunday school. New garments to the number of 173 were made and distributed, 9 pairs of new boots were provided, and over 50yds of new material were given out, together with 50 bundles of clothing sent in for distribution.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance forward	9 7 0½	By Drapery	21 12 8
„ Collection weekly meetings	5 12 8½	„ Boots	3 3 0
„ Donation from Conference (last annual appeal)	6 0 0	„ Groceries	3 19 1
„ Private donation	11 8 0	„ Meat	0 11 10
„ Honorary members' contributions	2 7 0	„ Coals	5 16 9
„ Disc unt	1 16 6	„ Sundries—	
		Cash advances, incidental expenses, etc.	0 12 6
		„ Cash balance in hand	0 15 5
£36	11 3	£36	11 3

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 26.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood held an ordination ceremony at Meanee on Sunday. He was assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy.

The quarterly conference of the Deanery of Wellington was held this week at Wellington South. Dean McKenna, of Masterton, presided.

The Very Rev. Father A. J. Marion, S.M., Provincial of the Marist Order in Oceania, and the Rev. Father J. de Fenoyl, S.M., D.P., of Noumea, arrived from the Islands on Tuesday en route to Sydney.

The concert and social to provide funds in aid of the Sisters of Mercy, Newtown, promises to be a great success. The canvass for subscriptions, undertaken by a committee of gentlemen, has already resulted in the realisation of a considerable sum.

The St. Patrick's College Cadets were inspected on Friday by Captain Hughes. The lads went through various movements in a satisfactory manner, and earned the approval of the inspecting officer by their proficiency and smart appearance on parade.

In order to popularise the meetings of the Catholic Young Men's Literary Society it has been decided to hold an 'open' evening about once a month. This will give the general Catholic community an opportunity of showing their interest in the doings of the Society, and at the same time of spending a pleasant evening.

The examinations of the convent schools in the city have been completed, and the results are once more of a most satisfactory nature. On Sunday last at Wellington South the Rev. Father Moloney read a report on the local school by Rev. Father Ainsworth, who was informed by the State Inspectors that the standard of the teaching and the general equipment of the school were up-to-date in all respects, and at least equal in these regards to the State schools of the Colony, while in some special branches the efficiency of the convent schools was even greater than that of the public schools.

The annual reunion of the Catholic Young Men's Club was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Thursday evening, and proved a very pleasant function. His Grace Archbishop Redwood presided. The following toast list was duly honored:—'The Pope and King,' by his Grace, who gave a very interesting account of his Holiness; 'Our Patron,' proposed by Mr. A. H. Casey, and responded to by his Grace; 'Vice-presidents,' by Mr. E. Leydon, responded to by Very