

The following are the officers of the St. Anne's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society:—President, Bro. J. E. Gamble; vice-president, Bro. B. Guise; secretary, Bro. G. R. Harriss; treasurer, Bro. P. D. Hoskins; spiritual director, Rev. Father Herring, S.M. The weekly meetings are held on Sunday evenings after Vespers.

At the meeting of the executive of the Wellington Catholic Club held on Friday evening it was decided that the annual Communion of the members take place at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, and not at St. Mary's Church, as mentioned in my last week's notes, on Sunday, February 28. As the members of the conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society approach the Holy Table on the same day, it was thought advisable to make the change, as many members of the club belonged to the society.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration committee, composed of members appointed by the Hibernian Society and the Wellington Catholic Club, is working hard to make this year's celebrations a great success. The Very Rev. Father Lane has offered the free use of his grounds at the Hutt for the picnic during the day, and it has been decided to convey the children attending our schools to the ground free of charge. In the evening a national concert will take place in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall. The profits from these celebrations will be applied to the schools of the various parishes. The committee has also in hand an amateur athletic sports meeting for Saturday afternoon, March 27.

I am pleased to state that the St. Anne's Catholic Club, Wellington South, is making good progress, considering the short time it has been in existence. The membership at the close of its first half-year totalled 112. The new tennis court is now open, and a large number of intending players have been enrolled. Arrangements are being made for the fitting up of a library in connection with the club, and several handsome donations of books have been made. The club has suffered a loss in the removal of Mr. A. Guthrie, a member of the committee, from Newtown to the Masterton district. Several pleasant euchre parties have taken place lately, and have been well attended by the Catholics of Wellington. The members of the club are ably assisted by the members of the Christian Doctrine and Altar Societies in many of their functions. The members are contemplating forming a dramatic branch.

The annual retreat of the clergy of the Wellington archdiocese, held last week at St. Patrick's College, was concluded on Friday, 12th inst. It was under the direction of Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., and 65 priests were present. At the Synod, which was held after the retreat, the following changes among the clergy of the Marist Order were announced:—Rev. Father Bowden, Thorndon, to be Vice Superior and Administrator of St. Mary of the Angels; Rev. Father Herbert, from Newtown, to succeed Rev. Father Bowden at Thorndon; Rev. Father McDonald, from Temuka to St. Anne's, Newtown; Rev. Father Le Floch, from Timaru to Temuka; Rev. Father Smith, from Nelson to Timaru; Rev. Father Finnerty, of St. Joseph's, Buckle street to Nelson; Rev. Father Maillard, to take sole charge of the Raetihi district; Rev. Father Viband to be in charge of Jerusalem and Wanganui River district; Rev. Father Menard changes his residence from Okato to Opunake; Rev. Father Barra, from Opunake to Wanganui. There may be some other changes in about two or three months' time.

Preaching at the Petone Catholic Church on Sunday evening, February 7 (says the *Evening Post*), his Grace Archbishop Redwood made some trenchant remarks upon religious education generally, Catholic education in particular; and also on the duty of Catholic parents to see that their children were properly educated in Christian doctrine. His Grace expressed his great pleasure in being at Petone to bless the house that was going to be used as a convent for a certain time. The good Sisters who had gone to Petone had done so at great sacrifice for the sake of the children. He also congratulated the parish priest (Father Maples) on obtaining such a boon for his parish. There was no subject of greater importance than that of Catholic education, his Grace continued, for the individual, the family, the city, the district, the State, and the whole of society. If a child was to be educated in a proper and a complete way, then its education should be such as would continue for its lifetime and for its life beyond. The sacrifices made by Catholics in Australia and New Zealand in the cause of education were one of the most striking and significant facts of the present day. Land had been bought (often at a high price), buildings erected and maintained, and teaching staffs had to be provided; all at great cost, which Catholics cheerfully met so that their children should be properly educated. In New Zealand alone, to say nothing of Australia, it would cost the State from £40,000 to £41,000 a year to give the Catholic children the education they receive. The Catholics in 25

years had spent nearly one million and a half to educate their children, and at the same time had contributed to the educational system of the State, maintaining schools in which they did not believe and sending their children to such schools in cases of necessity. He repeated that the sacrifices made by Catholics in New Zealand in the cause of Catholic education was indisputably magnificent. Why did they do this? It was because their children should receive a complete education—an all-round education.

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(From our own correspondent.)

February 15.

Under the compulsory clause in connection with the age limit, Mr. Daniel Campbell, who has been engaged during the past ten years at the Addington workshops, was, on his retirement, which occurred recently, presented on last Friday by leading carpenter Haydon, on behalf of the staff of the car shop, with a travelling rug and umbrella. Mr. Haydon at the same time voiced the feelings of general regret at Mr. Campbell's retirement and expressed the hope that he would enjoy many years of health and prosperity. Mr. Campbell suitably replied. Mr. Campbell is a worthy and esteemed member of the Sacred Heart Church congregation, Addington, and is probably one of the oldest subscribers to the *Tablet* in the district.

The ceremonies on Sunday last in connection with the anniversary of the solemn opening and dedication of the Cathedral were most impressive, and were attended by large congregations, especially in the evening, when almost all the seating accommodation of the sacred edifice was occupied. At all the Masses and after Vespers contributions were received in aid of the Cathedral fund. Special reference was made to, and appropriate discourses delivered at the early Masses on, the subject of the day's observance. There was Pontifical High Mass at eleven o'clock. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., assistant priest, the Rev. Father O'Hare deacon, the Rev. Father Bell, S.M., subdeacon of the Mass, and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies. An appeal was made by the Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M. (Hokitika), in aid of the Cathedral fund. In the evening there was Pontifical Vespers at which his Lordship the Bishop officiated, attended by the Rev. Father O'Hare and Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., as deacon and subdeacon respectively. The Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., was assistant priest, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies, whilst others of the clergy were present in the sanctuary. The occasional preacher was the Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., who, from the text 'Go ye therefore teach all nations,' delivered a very fine discourse. Eloquent and impressively he traced the history of the Church from the earliest days of Christianity, through the many trials and persecutions of the centuries, and dwelt on its warfare against paganism, heresy, and infidelity, and conspicuous triumphs in all ages. He appealed to those of his non-Catholic hearers to look well into the history, teaching, and doctrine of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, which would bear the closest scrutiny, and with results spiritually beneficial. In forceful terms he impressed upon the young men and women to hold steadfast to the faith of their fathers, who had so nobly upheld the cause of religion in these lands, for upon them would devolve the responsibility of the Church's future. After imparting the Papal and episcopal blessings, his Lordship thanked Father Ainsworth for his eloquent address and appeal, and all who had assisted at the day's ceremonies, the collectors of the day and especially the collectors of the sixpence a week contributions, who, at all times and in all weathers, faithfully kept to their task, and attended the periodical meetings, some never having missed one since the beginning. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was then given. The high altar and sanctuary were adorned with all the elaborate completeness characterising great festival occasions.

Satisfaction is expressed on all sides at the well-deserved promotion of Sub-Inspector Dwyer to that of inspector at Napier, where he has been in temporary charge for the last six months, after having served in Christchurch with conspicuous success for five years. I extract the following particulars of Mr. Inspector Dwyer's career from the *Lyttelton Times*: He joined the Police Force in November, 1878, and is now fifty-one years of age. He was first stationed in Dunedin, and in 1885 was promoted to the position of district clerk at Oamaru when that town was the headquarters station of the North Otago and South Canterbury Police Districts under ex-Inspector Thompson. In 1888 Inspector Dwyer was promoted to be acting-sergeant, and in 1891 was appointed gaoler of the Oamaru gaol. In 1897 he was appointed to the charge of the Otago Goldfields district, and in the following year was trans-

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