

attended the meetings well and have helped considerably with the work of the Society, but there is still need and room for more workers. Once more we appeal to the Catholics of Dunedin to become at least honorary members and enable us to carry on more largely our work among the poor. The committee beg to thank Mrs Cantwell for past services and regret that she finds herself unable to continue as treasurer.

During the year the Society received a legacy of £50 from the estate of the late Mr Johnston of South Dunedin, of which the sum of £30 was placed as a fixed deposit in the bank. The euchre party held in April was successful and resulted in a net return of £11 16s.

The following active members have been elected office bearers for the year ending July, 1903:—President, Mrs Jackson (re-elected); vice-president, Mrs J. B. Cullen (re-elected); treasurer, Miss L. Conely; secretary, Miss D. Purton (re-elected); wardrobe keeper, Mrs Swanson (re-elected).

Articles distributed:—6 pairs of blankets (new), 26 pairs boots and shoes (new), 3 pairs slippers (new), 15 pairs boots (s.h.), 18 pairs stockings and socks (new), 7 do. (s.h.), 1 shawl (new), 14 cloaks and jackets (s.h.), 2 do. (new), 19 bodices (s.h.), 8 skirts (new), 17 do. (s.h.), 15 overalls (new), 2 do. (s.h.), 4 children's dresses (new), 9 do. (s.h.), 3 women's dresses (s.h.), 14 shirts, 27 sets women's and children's underwear, 32 sets do. (new), 1 macintosh (new), 8 coats (s.h.), 7 pairs trousers (s.h.), 5 vests (s.h.), 2 boy's suits (new), 1 jersey (s.h.), 1 cap (s.h.), 21 yds flannel, 83 yds flannelette, 100 yds print, 62 yds dress material, 40 yds lining, 5 yds holland. Medicine, soup, etc., have been sent to various sick persons, and rosary beads, prayer books, and scapulars have also been distributed.

Forty-six sewing meetings have been held during the year, 366 visits have been paid to the poor, two penitents have been sent to Mount Magdala, seven children have been sent to Nelson, three girls to the orphanage at South Dunedin, and a child to her people in Australia. The Society has also had 11 children baptised. Grocery orders have been given to 77 persons, and coal orders to 49, which is in addition to the truck of coal given to the Society by the Kaitangata Coal Company.

#### BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To balance in bank			By euchre party expenses...	3	1 0
July 1901 ...	4	2 10	„ U.S.S. Co. ...	16	0 0
„ Subscriptions ...	71	3 6	„ Groceries ...	17	2 6
„ Donations ...	31	4 6	„ Boots ...	12	16 0
„ Gross receipts of			„ Coal ...	10	18 0
euchre party ...	14	17 0	„ Drapery ...	45	10 1
„ St. Vincent de			„ Mount Magdala ...	5	0 6
Paul poor box ...	3	10 9	„ Offerings ...	2	0 0
			„ Urgent board ...	1	5 0
			„ Nourishment ...	2	16 0
			„ Sundries—stamps,		
			telegram, char-		
			woman, train fare,		
			etc. ...	6	9 6
			„ Balance in bank ...	2	0 0
	£124	18 7		£124	18 7

His Lordship, in proposing the adoption of the report and balance sheet, said he was glad to have the opportunity of thanking those ladies who had worked so energetically in the cause of charity during the year. They deserved the best thanks of those present and also of the community, for they had labored very earnestly and with great success. They did not look for thanks; they looked for something higher—a reward from God. He was pleased to hear that this deserving Society was in a flourishing condition, that many active and honorary members had joined it since the last annual meeting, and trusted that there would be a considerable increase of members—both active and honorary—during the coming year. There was always poverty to be relieved, and even in the most prosperous times sickness brought about cases of distress which required assistance. They should urge their people to give every assistance to those good ladies who devoted themselves to this work so that they may carry it on with success. His Lordship, in conclusion, thanked the ladies for what they had done in the past, and hoped the Society would prosper, and that their revenue would increase, so that they might continue still more successfully their great work of charity.

The Rev. Father Murphy, in seconding the motion, said it had given him great pleasure since the foundation of the Society to see the efficient manner in which the work had been carried out by those ladies who took an active part in its affairs. They knew that many of these ladies were carrying out this work of charity at a great sacrifice to themselves. Their reward, however, would be in proportion to the sacrifices made. He hoped that many of those present would become active members, and suggested that the different parts of the city should be represented. By having active members in various districts of the city careless Catholics would be sought out and induced to attend to their duties, and cases of distress would be discovered and relieved.

Mr J. J. Connor regretted that there were not more men present at the meeting. He thought some effort should be made to get the men to take a greater interest in the work of this admirable Society. As this was the only society among the Catholics of Dunedin for the distribution of charity it should be generously supported and made as efficient as possible. He was gratified to hear that the affairs of the Society were in such a healthy condition. No woman could do herself a greater honor than by becoming a member of this Society, and it should be the highest ambition of every good Catholic to become an active worker for it.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried. His Lordship having thanked those present for their attendance, the proceedings terminated.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 26.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Sunday last. After Vespers his Grace the Archbishop explained very fully the recent Encyclical Letter of the Holy Father.

Mr P. J. Garvey, son of the Governor of the Terrace Gaol, proceeds home by the Delphic this week to study medicine at the Edinburgh University. On the eve of his departure he was the recipient of a presentation from his colleagues in the Public Works Department.

The examination of the Catholic schools in the Wellington district will begin on August 11.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys have decided to hold a social at Spiller's Hall on the 30th of the present month.

The treasurer of the Wellington branch of the Irish National Federation has received from the Irishmen of Blenheim the sum of £17 10s 6d, with a promise of more to follow, in support of the Irish Parliamentary Fund. In a covering letter the Blenheim committee express their appreciation of the efforts of the Nationalist leaders to settle the people on the land. The sum of £50 was forwarded from Wellington to Mr John Redmond last month.

A very pleasant social reunion was held in the Sydney Street Schoolroom on Wednesday, the object of the entertainment being to raise funds to furnish the Zealandia stall at the coming bazaar. There was a large attendance and among the audience were the Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., and Rev. Fathers Holley and Walsh. A most enjoyable concert was given by Mrs Kelly, Misses Kenny and Redmond, and Messrs Searl and Carr. Miss Bannister and Mr Scanlon contributed recitations, and Misses Collins and Henry an Irish jig. An excellent supper was provided and dancing was indulged in for some time.

### WANGANUI.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 25.

The country districts, comprising Turakina, Marton, Bulls, and Huntville, which have been served for many years from Wanganui, have now been formed into a separate parish, under the charge of Rev. Father Costelloe, who has made Marton his headquarters. In the old days, when the Very Rev. Dean Kirk was without an assistant priest, he himself, often under great difficulties, ministered to the spiritual wants of the people of these districts. As the parish of Wanganui increased in importance, a second priest was stationed here in the person of Rev. Father Tymons, who relieved Dean Kirk of these arduous duties. On the departure of Father Tymons for Palmerston North, nearly three years ago, Rev. Father O'Sullivan took up the work, paying regular visits to these places, and spending only one Sunday in the month in Wanganui. By his untiring zeal and devotion to duty he has endeared himself to all those under his care, and genuine regret was expressed when it became known that the term of his ministrations was about to come to an end. The formation of these districts into a parish, however, was unavoidable, as the present requirements of the Wanganui parish urgently demand the presence of two resident priests, and the increase in the number of Catholics in the country districts makes the change still more necessary.

As stated, Rev. Father Costelloe has made Marton his headquarters, and already arrangements have been made for the erection of a suitable church there, the building of which will be started shortly.

Of late the health of the Very Rev. Dean Kirk has not been of the best, so that the additional help that will be given him by the Rev. Father O'Sullivan will tend to make less trying the multitudinous duties inseparable from his position.

A conference of the clergy on this coast will be held in Wanganui early next month.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 28.

The Rev. Father Ahern, formerly a member of the diocesan clergy, assisted on Sunday at the Pro-Cathedral. It is understood that Father Ahern may again be attached to the diocese.

Rev. Father John O'Connell has been transferred from Waimate to the Pro-Cathedral and assisted at the services on Sunday. The vacancy at Waimate is being temporarily filled by Rev. Father Aubry, from Timaru.

The annual charity sermon and appeal on behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be preached on Sunday next in the Pro-Cathedral. Collections will be made at all the Masses and at Vespers in aid of the funds of the local conference. The officers of the society also hope to be in a position to distribute their annual report and balance sheet on the occasion.

At a great gathering in the Canterbury Hall on Tuesday evening last in connection with the presentation of war medals to members of various contingents by his Excellency the Governor, the Right Rev. Bishop Grimms and Very Rev. Father Price occupied seats on the platform. For the establishment of a Home for Army