

A.M.D.G. GUILD

ASSOCIATION OF PERPETUAL ADORATION.

The sixth annual meeting of the Guild was held at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, Roslyn, on Thursday, February 18. The attendance of members was good, and showed that the Guild is making steady progress. In consequence of having to attend a sick call, the Rev. Father Corcoran (spiritual director) was unable to be present. The annual report stated that during the past year four new members had been enrolled. The exhibition of work at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, was very successful, and it is felt that the clergy are beginning to recognise the good work that is being done by the Guild. The council decides, with the sanction of the spiritual director, as to the distribution of goods to help poor churches. It is intended during the current year to hold a sewing meeting on the third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Kennedy.

The following are the officers for the current year: President, Mrs. J. W. Kennedy (re-elected); vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Callan, jun.; secretary, Miss Columb (re-elected); council—Mrs. Herbert (re-elected), Mrs. O'Keefe, Miss Maude Blandford, and Miss Mildred Emery.

The president expressed her thanks to Mrs. Herbert, Miss Columb, Miss Mullen, and Mrs. Cornish for their valued assistance during the past year. Other members did good work also, but not so regularly. The president trusted that all who can sew, crochet, or make lace, would take up some definite work, and, if possible, complete it, as a great deal is only half-finished by the end of the year, and has to be done in a hurried manner at the last moment. It is desirable that all work be sent in by the end of November, as the annual exhibition takes place at Holy Cross College at the end of January. The balance sheet speaks for itself. The Guild has goods valued at £30 on hand, and there is owing to it a sum of £10 for vestments, etc., sold. During six years it has donated £70 worth of goods. The Association of Perpetual Adoration was founded in Belgium by Anna de Meens, but later on the head house was transferred to Rome. It was first started in 1848, and since that time has rendered invaluable help to poor churches all over the world. It has taken some time to reach us in New Zealand, but is growing here, and doing good work not only in Dunedin but in other parts of the Dominion, whilst the number of members who keep the hour of Adoration each month is increasing.

The next meeting will be held on March 18, when the president will be pleased to see anyone desiring to join the Guild.

BALANCE SHEET, 1914-1915.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand	29	8	3
„ Subscriptions	5	5	0
„ Sale Church Requisites	45	11	9
„ Fancy Goods	1	3	0
„ B.S. Beads	1	10	0
„ Discount and Interest	12	6	—
	£74	10	6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Materials, Vestments, and Linen, etc.	55	10	10
„ Savings Bank	14	18	6
„ Cash in Hand	4	1	2
	£74	10	6

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Mr. Mervyn Bournes Higgins (son of Mr. Justice Higgins) and Mr. Charles Gavan Duffy (son of Mr. Justice Duffy), who are in practice at the Bar, have both been accepted for service at the front, and have both been granted commissions (says the *Advocate*). Seven members of the Bar in Melbourne have left chambers to go to the front, whilst several other members of the legal profession in Melbourne and the country have gone on active service.

His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Cerretti, made an official call on his Excellency the State Governor (says the *Freeman's Journal*). His Excellency also called on the Lord Mayor of Sydney (Alderman R. W. Richards), Senator Gardiner (Vice-President of the Senate), Messrs. W. G. Spence (Postmaster-General, representing the Federal Government), Mr. J. E. West, M.H.R., the Hon. the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Mr. R. D. Meagher), and Mr. T. H. Thrower (Chairman of Committees).

The high esteem and affection in which the Rev. Father J. J. O'Driscoll, parish priest of Kogarah, Rockdale, and Arncliffe, is held was amply demonstrated by the warmth of the farewell arranged in his honor at Rockdale Town Hall, prior to his departure on a trip to Ireland. There was a crowded attendance, and speeches highly eulogistic of the qualities of Father O'Driscoll were delivered by representative people of the Kogarah and surrounding districts. The presentation took the form of a purse containing 120 sovereigns.

The following clerical changes have recently been made in the Ballarat diocese:—Rev. J. F. Coghlan, who has been in Quambatauk during the absence of Rev. E. V. Ryan in Europe, has been removed to Maryborough; Rev. J. McAuley has returned to Warrnambool after a visit to Europe; Rev. J. Davies has gone to Inglewood from Warrnambool; Rev. J. Condon has changed from Inglewood to Watchem; Rev. D. Reidy, from Watchem to Ballarat East; Rev. E. Galligan, from Ballarat East to Warrnambool; Rev. J. Brophy, from Warrnambool to Camperdown.

His Lordship the Bishop of Lismore returned to Sydney by the *Manuka*, after an absence of about twelve months. His Lordship (says the *Catholic Press*) has thoroughly enjoyed his long holiday, and comes back greatly refreshed and in excellent health. During his absence he travelled extensively in Europe and America, visiting Rome, Dublin, London, Paris, New York, Washington, San Francisco, and other big cities. He reached New Zealand from America by the *Marama* on her last trip, but disembarked at Wellington, and made a tour of the Dominion before returning to New South Wales.

Enthusiasm marked the proceedings at the Sacred Heart Hall, Darlinghurst, on the evening of February 15, on the occasion of the *bon voyage* demonstration to the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran, P.P., P.A., who is taking a health trip abroad. Monsignor O'Haran, in replying to the eulogistic remarks of the various speakers, gave the following brief details of the work which had been done in the Sacred Heart parish during the two years and two months that he had been in charge. He said: We have succeeded, with the aid of devoted assistants, in raising £5727 11s 1d, and the total expenditure has been £6727 11s 11d, which means that we retain a loan of £1000 as a lien on the parish. However, I am proud to be able to announce that the result of our labors has been practically £6000. It is a vast sum, and could not possibly have been gathered here had it not been for the universal kindness of our friends outside the parish.

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