G. Dee, W. Krebs, R. Burke, and F. F. Marshall. It was decided to raise the subscriptions of senior members to 10s, and junior members to 5s per annum. The following motion was carried—'That it be a recommendation to the incoming executive to obtain a suitable memorial to the late Rev. Father C. J. Venning, S.M., for the clubrooms, with the amount standing to the credit of the club's "Father Venning memorial fund" Mr. G. Leydon, who, in conjunction with Mr. M. O'Kane, acted as a delegate at the annual conference at Timaru, gave a brief report of the proceedings, making special reference to the hospitable manner in which the Timaru club entertained the visiting dele-It was decided that members of the club serving with the Expeditionary Forces be regarded as financial members until date of return.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 10.

The stern realities of war are being experienced by our Catholic young men on the scene of hostilities, and in a lesser degree by their friends and relatives through consequent anxiety and suspense. Among the long list of wounded, already published, appear the names of several well-known Catholic young men from this

With a view to encouraging an interest in, and aiding the funds of the Catholic Federation in the district, the committee of the Addington branch held a successful euchre party on Wednesday, April 28, in the Oddfellows' Hall, Selwyn street. Considering the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. Hill won the lady's prize, and Mr. R. Fitzgerald the gentleman's. Mrs. Hill won The committee are much indebted to Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Toorish, and Miss M. Toorish, whose able assistance added greatly to the success of the entertainment.

The Cathedral branch of the Catholic Federation having decided to donate a first, second, and third prize to each of the Catholic schools in that parochial district for essays by the pupils on the aims, objects, and achievements of the Federation, the Cathedral schools' committee has been entrusted with the super-The schools entitled to comvision of the competition. pete are the Sacred Heart College and parochial girls' schools (St. Joseph's), conducted by the Sisters of the Missions, the Marist Brothers' School, and St. Ann's School, Woolston. The schools at Addington and Halswell will have like privileges extended to them at the instance of the local branch of the Federation. Mr.

Girling-Butcher, organiser and general secretary, has kindly consentd to judge the essays.

#### Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

Previous to her marriage, Miss Essie Spring was met by the members of St. Joseph's Choir, and presented with a memento in appreciation of her services as organist of St. Joseph's Church for the last four years.

The members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society have been engaged in a systematic canvass for new members during the last fortnight, and, as a result of their labors and the assistance of the eloquent appeals to the men of the parish by the Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., 23 candidates were proposed for membership at the meeting of the branch on Monday last. gratulatory speeches were made by the president (Bro. J. Scott) and the secretary on behalf of the Rev. Father Ainsworth, who was unavoidably absent.

On Wednesday evening last the residents of Kerrytown assembled at the residence of Mrs. Coughlan, who after having lived for upwards of forty years in the district, is removing to Temuka, and showed in an unmistakable manner their high appreciation of her many good qualities as a friend and neighbor. Mr. M. Fitzgerald presided and a very happy evening was spent, in the course of which Mr. John Fitzgerald, on behalf of the people in the district, presented Mrs. Coughlan with an exceptionally fine silver tea and coffee service, which she was asked to accept as a token of the esteem in which she was held, and a memento of her long association with Kerrytown. Messrs. W. Spillane, J. Scott, A. Scott, F. D. O'Connell, and several others spoke expressing the kindly feeling which all felt towards the departing guest whom they wished much happiness during the declining years of her life. Mr. M. Coughlan replied on behalf of the recipient. A number of vocal items were given, and before dispersing all sat down to a delightful supper provided by the subscribers to the presentation.

#### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

The May devotions in the city and suburban churches are remarkably well attended.

There were on board the Lusitania several wellknown Aucklanders, whose fate at present is uncertain. The greatest horror was expressed here at the treacherous outrage on inoffensive non-combatants.

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