

Rev. Father Kelly, C.S.S.R., addressed the Holy Family Confraternity last Tuesday evening, and in eloquent and forcible terms reminded the members of the great mission which they had in the ranks of the Catholic laity.

The Sacred Heart presbytery, Ponsonby, which has just been renovated both inside and outside, now presents a fine appearance. Other improvements, including drainage, have also been carried out. On yesterday at Masses and Vespers a collection towards the cost of the work was taken up, and realised just on £70.

Huntly

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

May 10.

A social in aid of the convent will be held under the auspices of the Hibernian Society on May 17.

The late Mr. Gribble, whose death took place recently, was an old resident, and was highly respected by the community.

A letter has been received from the Rev. Father Edge, who is on a holiday in Australia, which states that he is in good health, and is at present the guest of his Lordship the Bishop of Bathurst.

Arrangements have been made by Rev. Father O'Doherty with the Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, manager of the Catholic orphanages, to receive five of the seven children of the late Mr. W. Paterson, a victim of the recent mining disaster, and who was predeceased some months previously by his wife, into St. Mary's Home, 'The Pah,' Onehunga.

The bazaar which was opened at Ngarnawahia on May 6 by Mr. Gollard, M.P., has been doing good business, and will be brought to a successful conclusion to-night. The ladies and gentlemen who have been assisting deserve very great credit for the manner in which their duties have been carried out. The stallholders were as follow:—Fancy stall—Mrs. Cavanagh and Misses Molloy (2), Ryan, and Cavanagh (3). Plain work Mesdames O'Brien and McKeown, and Misses McKeown (2). Lolly stall—Mrs. J. Melwars. Refreshment rooms Mrs. O'Connell and Misses Park (2). Produce stall Mrs. Prendergast and Misses Prendergast.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

May 8.

At the recent municipal elections it is pleasing to note that another of our Catholic young men, in addition to Councillor Ongley, who was re-elected, has won the confidence of the ratepayers, and will take his place at the council table for the ensuing two years. I refer to Mr. M. F. Cooney, a promising young man of wide and progressive ideas, and a well-known debater, who can be relied upon to put plenty of energy into the working of the council.

Members of the Celtic Football Club, and a number of friends, met at the Oddfellows' Hall on Thursday evening for the purpose of 'farewelling' Mr. W. Direen, a member of the club, who had left that day for Trentham. Mr. J. Mullin presided, and stated that although Mr. Direen was not present he was pleased to perform a most pleasing function, and called upon Mr. A. Direen to accept a gift for his son, with the best wishes of the Celtic Club members. Eulogistic remarks by Messrs. Fennessy (captain) and O'Donnell (deputy-captain) followed. Mr. A. Direen, in responding for his son, said he was very pleased to be able to represent his son at the present gathering of young men. He had always fostered the feeling for sport in his sons, and he felt now that his efforts had not been in vain. He had had no idea that his son had been held in such esteem by the footballers and other sports bodies of Oamaru, and trusted that his boy would be able to fight on the field as he had played football. He thanked members in return for the kind tokens of

their regard. He was sure his son would always treasure it as coming from the Celtics. Songs were sung by Messrs. Fennessy, Good, Brownes, Parsons, Quinn, and Eccles, and a number of toasts helped to pass a most pleasant evening. Mr. Direen was also farewelled by the local Sports Club, and made a presentation by the Excelsior Football Club, of which body he was a representative member.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, AUCKLAND

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

The annual meeting of the above society was held on Sunday, April 25, in the Hibernian Hall, the Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., presiding. The report and balance sheet for the year 1914 were presented. They showed that the society had done good work amongst the poor of the city. Four hundred and twenty-two persons had been relieved, 1683 visits had been made to the poor in their own homes, and 552 visits had been made to the hospital, gaol, Costley Home, ships, and various charitable institutions. Several neglected children had been cared for, and the children placed in homes. Medical aid had been provided for 28 persons, and in many cases the sick had been nursed by the members of the society. Practically one-third of the total receipts had been contributed by the members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1914.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance in hand	£ 39 13 3
„ Poor boxes	129 19 4
„ Members' subscriptions	163 16 8
„ Sermons and entertainments	67 9 11
„ Donations and subscriptions	111 10 10
„ Hon. members' subscriptions	18 6 6
„ Levies	28 13 3
„ Sundries	15 4 6
	£574 19 3

EXPENDITURE.

By Kind and groceries	£251 0 0
„ Board and lodging	11 1 6
„ House rent	21 19 11
„ Clothing and bed clothes	31 15 5
„ Fares and passage	15 10 4
„ Charity institutions	176 13 8
„ Boots	3 15 0
„ Printing	15 7 0
„ Credit balance	41 16 5
	£574 19 3

In addition to the above the Ladies' Conferences collected 430 second-hand articles of clothing which were distributed in the city and the gunfields. The various Ladies' Conferences also worked one day for the Belgians, the result being that 300 new and second-hand articles were handed over for this deserving object. It is worthy of note that in connection with this society the deserving poor, irrespective of creed, are helped, and no officer or member receives any monetary consideration for his work—not one penny is paid in salary. Every shilling that comes to the fund is distributed amongst the deserving poor. The society is deserving of whole-hearted support, and the charitably disposed cannot wish for a more thorough organisation through which they may help the needy and distressed.

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