ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, WELLINGTON

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The quarterly meeting of the Particular Conneil of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Wellington, was held in the Guilford Street Schoolroom on Sunday afternoon, July 25. His Grace Archbishop Redwood presided, and was supported by Messes. L. T. Reichel (president), and M. Kennedy, K.S.G. There were present Rev. Father Travers (of Habart), Rev. Father A. Venning, and forty members of the various conferences. Representatives of the various conferences read reports on their work, which demonstrated the activity of the society in the work of charlity. After the formal business had been transacted, the preschibilities of further activities of the society in the direction of the boys'

guild movement were discussed. His Grace complimented the society on its virility, and particularly on the fact that so many voting then were apparently actively engaged in the spheroid work of the organisation. The three gave a very interesting address, in which he mentioned some of his experiences on the Continent. His Gross was in France at the outbreak of the war, and historical the difficulties in regard to persons that may be redeally finding that their letters of one but for the targetischen, word volumers, and were fined with the project newcody of finding maney. From Lander L. Commissioners to Some where he had the mid-time as a first depend for States, where he had the mid-time as a finding to early little time, but which he times it a good research of he proving his acquadatance with earl Spaceble on the first His Grace gave acceptant in a set of proving his acquadatance with a set of proving his acceptant. The Salamana University in the Characteristic Salahata and he speke of the Linear Characteristic Salahata for the education of the control of the education of present of the institution. He is a fine of the Wallashell below to the Wallashell be a retreat there, in section and a denomination is of the sanction wealth passess in 18, in the and to-day are the original schools with the religious chiefs and the sanctions of the sanctions to religious chicers of Electrodemonstration over the interest in the was the cursor of the control of the cursor it was the customer in the much in evidence in the sacred we shall be a fine of the At Madrid be we shall be a sure, a very best if the above in the astatue of our basive of the were no less than 50,000 theory, and the work were no less than Sold appears, and a treat action of her beauty. In the same close of tree was also the first taken by the Christian for a new Maleuman in at the great battle of Lepanta. Referring to France, his Grace instanced the extraordine provival of Cathelie to and the head of the same of the control of the field. and the change that has some over the still of the people. Instead of the volutile character of the reoper. there was a wonderful cateline, and scherus a lemon strating the terrible carnestness by which they are any mated in this great war. The needs frequented the churches in extraordinary numbers, and in name churches a continuous system of mayor was in vogue throughout the entire twenty than hours of the day. He spoke of the extraordinary determination of the

French soldier, and how piety, y high was hitherto con-

sidered out of place in the army, was so marked. In this respect it was shown in what Covernment bent upon

destroying the Catholic spirit in France had passed a

law by which the clergy and seminarists were compelled

to serve in the army without distinction. The presence of 25,000 of the clergy as combatants in the ranks has brought a leaven of piety, and provided an avenue by

which so many return to their duty. The bravery and distinction of these priests has been demonstrated be-

fore the whole army by the fact that so many have

already received decorations for distinguished bravery. His Grace instanced the case of a Jesuit priest, who, owing to so many officers being killed or wounded, had become the trusted commandant of a section composed entirely of Garibaldians.

The Rev. Father Travers spake in regard to the boys' guild, concerning which a paper, showing the activities in England, and in which he himself had a hand, was read. At the introduction of the boys' brigade in the quarter in London in which he was engaged in his duties, he attended the initial movement which was held in a blacksmith's shop. Since then the movement had spread, until now it was a power in England.

The Rev. Father Venning congratulated the society upon the genuine personal character of the work they were occupied in, which approximated the religious more than any other gulld or society in the Church.

Mr. Martin Kennedy, K.S.G., in his remarks, particularly compainmented the younger men who were coming forward and taking on the work of this great society, and he expressed his pleasure that there was no dearth of new workers, and that the younger generation were taking up the society in the right spirit.

A vote of thanks to his Grace the Archbishop for his attendance and for his most interesting address (producted the meeting.

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