

Father Gondringer, S.M., at St. Mary's, where the statue of the Blessed Virgin was carried in procession round the church.

The Sisters of the Missions, Lower High Street, have received word that one of their teachers who sat for the University examination last November was successful in securing her first section B.A.; the subjects taken being French, history, and education.

For the purpose of raising funds towards the Papanui Catholic Church Building Fund, a garden fair was held in St. Mary's Presbytery grounds, Manchester Street, on a recent Friday and Saturday. Ideal weather was enjoyed and liberal patronage bestowed, with a result that the fair was highly successful. The various attractions found in the several marquees dotted over the grounds were all centres of activity, and on Friday and Saturday nights, when the lighting arrangements lent additional gaiety to the scene, the fair presented an animated appearance everywhere. The stallholders were:—St. Mary's Stall—Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Evans. Sweets Stall—Children of Mary. Art Stall—Mrs. Rooney and Mrs. Sisson. Produce Stall—Mrs. Heapsby, Miss O'Connor, and Mrs. Boloski. Variety Stall—Mrs. Prendergast. The boys of the Marist Brothers' School gave several exhibitions of physical drill and fancy dancing was done by bands of school children trained by Miss Adams. Dr. Thacker was judge of the baby show, which caused considerable interest.

There was a crowded congregation at the Cathedral on the occasion of a Solemn Requiem for the repose of the soul of the late Thomas O'Connell, of the N.Z. Engineers, who died at sea in the hospital ship Maheno on April 15. The celebrant was the Very Rev. John A. O'Connell, S.M., Wanganui, and the deacon and subdeacon were the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., and Father Murphy respectively. Amongst the clergy present were the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, Fathers Fogarty, Seward, Seymour Long, and Roche. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Hiscocks, sang the music of the Requiem Mass. Mr. H. Hiscocks presided at the organ, and after the Mass played the "Dead March" from "Saul" as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased, who was for many years a member of the Cathedral choir. The deceased was the youngest member of the much respected O'Connell family of this city, and the first lost by death. In a letter of sympathy to deceased's brother (Father J. A. O'Connell) Father Bleakly, chaplain on the hospital ship Maheno, wrote: "He had many friends; to all alike he was ever pleasant and cheerful. Nurses, doctors, and fellow-patients all liked him, but we couldn't save him. A more devout, manly Catholic I've never met in khaki."

Napier

There passed away recently at Mittagong, N.S. Wales, the Rev. Brother Papinen, who was the founder and first director of the Marist Brothers' School in Napier (writes a correspondent). He will probably be better remembered under the name of Brother John by the boys who attended the school between the years 1878 and 1883. In the latter year, owing to ill health, he was recalled to Sydney, where he labored zealously up to the time of his peaceful and happy death. He was of a most gentle and retiring disposition, and passed his long life doing good quietly and modestly. He died on March 12 at the age of 81 years. R.I.P.

All children ere they hie to play
Upon a raw, cold winter's day,
Should don warm clothes, from hat to hose,
To guard their lungs from bronchial woes;
And when to bed they beat retreat,
To make precaution quite complete,
Last thing each one should have, be sure
A dose of Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC GIRLS' HOSTEL

(From our own correspondent.)

The fourth annual meeting of the Catholic Girls' Hostel and Club was held on Sunday afternoon, May 4, Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., presiding. Among those present were Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., Mrs. G. Harper (president), Mrs. S. J. Barrett (vice-president), Messrs. T. Cahill, W. Hayward, and J. McNamara. Dean Regnault apologised for the unavoidable absence of his Lordship Dr. Brodie, and Mr. F. J. Doolan, diocesan secretary of the Catholic Federation.

The following report was read by Mr. W. Hayward:—This past year has been a very successful one in every way, the new Hostel, after a full working year, having fully justified its purchase. On April 6, 1918, a garden fete was held in the hostel grounds, and proved to be a great success, the large sum of £270 being realised, enabling the purchase of new furniture which the larger hostel necessitated. In the club room a book afternoon was held on April 10. There were about 70 ladies present, an enjoyable musical programme was given, after which afternoon tea was served; with the result that 122 new books were added to the club's library. Sincere thanks are recorded to the donors. During the year there have been 20 permanent boarders, and 250 visitors have stayed for varying periods. Unfortunately accommodation had to be refused to 30 visitors during the Easter holidays, owing to lack of room, this speaks volumes for the popularity of the hostel. The board of management and ladies' committee have held regular meetings, which have been well attended. Thanks are expressed to many kind friends for various donations, and especially to his Lordship the Bishop for his donation of pictures, and for the kindly interest he has shown throughout the year. The committee again wish to place on record its thanks and appreciation of the generous efforts of the matron in carrying on the work for which the hostel was established. Under her guiding hand, the year has been a very prosperous one, and the balance sheet shows a small credit on the year's work. The committee regret that the number of financial honorary members becomes less each year, only 26 being recorded for the year just closed. This is unfortunate, as it indicates loss of interest in the work, and reduces the hostel's income. An appeal is again made to all well-wishers to become honorary members; which entails a donation of 10s 6d each year. The committee think this report would be incomplete, were it not to record its thanks and appreciation to the retiring secretary and treasurer, Miss Winnie Harrington, for the very excellent work, she has done on behalf of the hostel and club.

The statement of accounts shows an accumulated fund (including £240 10s 1d from last year) of £527 14s 7d. The income from all sources for the year ended March 31, 1919, amounted to £1216 6s 6d; expenditure, etc., £929 2s; balance to accumulated fund, £287 4s 6d.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, Dean Regnault congratulated the committee on the fine state of the institution. Its success, he said, was assured. Any misgivings they may have had 12 months previously had been totally dispelled, and he was quite in accord with the report as read.

Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, in supporting the motion, was pleased to acknowledge the fine support accorded the hostel from town and country. The balance sheet showed economy and careful management.

Mr. W. Hayward spoke on the various aspects of the financial responsibilities of the institute, and urged the importance of promoting functions that would be a means of reducing the capital debt. It was his wish (he said) to see as soon as possible the building and site free of financial encumbrance.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. G. Harper; vice-president, Mrs. Walter Clifford; secretary pro tem, Miss W. Harrington; com-

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