

tention during the discussion of general business, the general impression being that the Federation scholarship conditions should be made uniform throughout the Dominion. Remits from the Gore branch were adopted providing for representatives of the Diocesan Council to visit and address during the year the people of country parishes on Federation matters. On the motion of the chairman it was decided to pay over the amounts won in scholarships for last year, and also a bonus of £5 to the secretary. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the retiring office-bearers. The following office-bearers were appointed for the ensuing year:—President, Very Rev. Father Coffey; vice-presidents, Rev. C. Morkane and Mr. D. L. Poppelwell; secretary, Mr. E. Sandys; treasurer, Mr. T. J. Hussey; delegates to Dominion Council, Very Rev. Father Coffey, Messrs. D. L. Poppelwell and T. J. Hussey. It was decided that the Executive Committee shall consist of the executive officers.

ST. MICHAEL'S CONVENT, MORNINGTON

The congregation of the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Mornington, Dunedin, are keenly desirous of having the Sisters of Mercy, who during the year have been visiting daily and conducting a Catholic school there, permanently established in a local convent, already acquired. As a step towards an early attainment of this desire, a largely attended meeting of the Catholic people of this portion of St. Joseph's Cathedral parish was held after Mass on a recent Sunday. After discussing various projects to establish a fund to furnish the convent for the Sisters at Mornington, it was decided to promote a concert, to be given within a few weeks, at His Majesty's Theatre. An Entertainment Committee, consisting of Messrs. D. Whelan (musical director), P. Carolin, W. T. Easton, and Thomson, was appointed, with Messrs. N. O'Neill and C. McKenzie as joint secretaries, and Mr. James O'Neill treasurer. The committee subsequently held another meeting, Very Rev. Father Coffey presiding, to forward matters in connection with the concert. As the Catholic community of Mornington is a comparatively small one, but with a creditable record of assistance and generosity extended to many undertakings in the interests of other districts, it hopes in return for a full measure of support from the congregations of the Cathedral and suburban churches in its present laudable endeavor. Tickets for the concert, which promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable one, are now obtainable, and, considering the worthy object of its promotion, it is anticipated that no refusals to buy one when offered will be experienced.

THE LATE MR. MAURICE R. HARNETT.

A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mr. Maurice R. Harnett—Father Harnett's father—was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Taihape, on Wednesday, July 9. Although cold weather and the poor train service militated against the gathering, the Masses from 6 a.m. until 9 a.m. were well attended, and many priests, at great inconvenience to themselves, managed to be present. At the early Masses there were a goodly number of communicants. There was a large congregation at the Solemn Requiem at 9 a.m. The officiating priests were: Father Bowe (Dannevirke) celebrant, Father McManus (Palmerston North) deacon, Father Hegarty subdeacon, and Father Harnett master of ceremonies. In the choir were: Fathers Forrestal (Foxton), Cashman (Marton), Guinane (Ohakune), Bergin (Feilding), Minogue (Taihape). Mr. M. Galvin, of Palmerston North, and Mr. J. O'Connell, of Manaia, who were friends of the deceased in the Old Land, were also present to pay him their last tribute of respect.—R.I.P.

For Children's Hacking Cough,
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

DEATH OF FATHER BARRY, C.S.S.R.

Soon after we had gone to press last week, we were notified of the death of the Rev. Father Walter Barry, C.S.S.R., who passed away on Wednesday morning, July 16, at the Redemptorist Monastery of St. Gerard, Hawker Street, Wellington. For three years and a-half Father Barry had been suffering from acute heart disease, though the thought of sudden death did not detract from his geniality. On December 28, 1916, Father Barry celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. Born in Wexford, Ireland, in 1842, he entered the great ecclesiastical college of Maynooth in 1861; but, owing to the urgent demand for priests, he was recalled and ordained at St. Peter's College, Wexford, by the late Dr. Furlong. For many years he worked as a secular priest in his native diocese of Ferns, but in 1876 entered the Redemptorist Mission, and was professed a member of the Congregation on September 8, 1877. During the 40 years that Father Barry spent in the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, his life was one of strenuous activity, most of his labors being in the Old Country, where he devoted himself to the reformation and salvation of many who were victims of circumstances and surroundings in the densely populated districts of England and Scotland. In 1894 Father Barry was sent, at his own desire, to Australia to devote his energies to assisting the emigrant Irish of the South Seas. Several times Father Barry had been Rector of Redemptorist communities, and to have known him was to have admired him for his brilliant conversational powers and his knowledge of men and events, together with a charming personality which the advance of years only intensified and embellished. The body was removed to St. Gerard's Church on Thursday evening, where a short service was held. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at 9 a.m. on Friday, and the interment took place immediately after at Karori.—R.I.P.

THE LADY ABBESS OF KILCUMEIN.

The Benedictine Nuns of Kilcumein Abbey, near Fort Augusta, have sustained a severe loss in the death of their Abbess, Dame Scholastica Weld, who had been their Superioress for 25 years (says the *Glasgow Observer*). On Wednesday, April 30, she was laid to rest in Kilcumein Abbey cemetery, near her mother (Lady Weld) and her spiritual daughters who have already passed to their reward. It will be remembered by many that Dame Scholastica was enthroned as first Lady Abbess of Kilcumein Abbey by Bishop Bennett, of Aberdeen, as lately as September last. On the Saturday within the Easter Octave a somewhat lingering illness terminated in death, after the reception of the last rites of Holy Church. On St. Catherine's Day, April 30, the funeral took place. The singing of the High Mass of Requiem and the ceremonial were carried out in as perfect a manner as possible by the monks of St. Benedict's Abbey. Stormy weather had prevailed for some days previously, but Wednesday was warm and fair, and one could not help remarking the beauty of the spring flowers in the monastic enclosure as the procession wended its way to the nuns' cemetery, not far distant from the shores of Loch Ness.

Lady Abbess Weld was the fifth daughter of Sir F. A. Weld, G.C.M.G., of Chideock Manor, Dorset, and was born in New Zealand while her father was Prime Minister there, some 53 years ago. Her mother was Mena, daughter of Ambrose Phillips de Lisle of Gracedieu, the well-known convert. Dame Scholastica, in a marked degree, inherited the zeal and virtues of her saintly parents. She was the first professed nun for the foundation of St. Scholastica's Priory, near Fort Augustus, recently raised to the dignity of Kilcumein Abbey. Her 27 years of Benedictine life prepared her well for her holy death; and her winning personality causes not only her Community, but numerous friends in Scotland and England, to mourn their loss. May she have rest eternal and light perpetual.