

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

December 5.

The retreat given to the Children of Mary by the Rev. Father Ainsworth, of Eltham, commenced on Monday, and will continue until Friday next.

The Wanganui Junior Cadet Battalion paraded on Sunday morning, November 26, five companies from the different schools being represented.

The Marist Brothers' Company, sixty-one strong, under the command of Captain F. Bourke, attended the last Mass at St. Mary's Church, and were addressed by the celebrant, Rev. Father Holley.

There was exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Mary's Church on Sunday from the last Mass until Vespers, when the usual procession took place, the various parish societies taking part.

Mr. C. G. McCarthy, treasurer of the local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, has returned from a lengthy tour throughout the Continent and Great Britain.

Mr. W. Foley, a prominent member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in this parish, has left this town to take up a position on the staff of the *Manawatu Standard*, Palmerston North. Before leaving, Bro. Foley was entertained at a social gathering by the members of the conference, and presented with a suitably engraved sovereign case.

Mrs. C. Spillane, formerly Miss Lillian White, who, until a few months ago, conducted St. Mary's choir, held her annual concert in St. Paul's Hall on Tuesday evening, November 28. There was a crowded audience, among those present being his Grace the Archbishop, Rev. Fathers Holley and Moloney. The various items were listened to with rapt attention, frequent and hearty applause being given.

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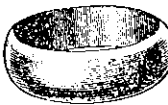
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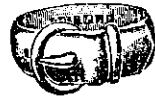
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A distressing accident occurred at Messrs McLean, Green, and Beaven's factory on Monday morning, the 27th November, when Mr. F. McDevitt, a member of the local branch of the Hibernian Society, lost the thumb and first three fingers of his right hand by coming into contact with a circular saw. The sufferer, who bore his injury with much fortitude and calmness, was conveyed to the public hospital, and is reported to be progressing favorably.

The local Catholic authorities have taken advantage of the facilities afforded them under the Defence Act and have formed a Senior Cadet Company, to be known as the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Senior Cadets. The company, which is under the command of Lieutenants T. Roche and P. J. Lloyd, both ex-members of the Irish Rifles, has a membership of about sixty, but it is anticipated that there will be a considerable increase in numbers when the company is in full swing. The enrolment took place at the Drill Hall on Thursday, the 30th ult., and training operations are to commence with the New Year.

Waihi

(From an occasional correspondent.)

December 5.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced at St. Joseph's Church last Sunday morning at the 10 o'clock Mass. The Rev. Father Wright, of Auckland, assisted the Very Rev. Father Brodie. There were very large congregations at the Masses and evening devotions, and all through the day of both Sunday and Monday large numbers of men spent some time in the church in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Great numbers received Holy Communion. In preaching his farewell sermon the Rev. Father Wright said that he was highly delighted with the way that the men had responded to the appeal of

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