

of the undertaking, the method of procedure, and other details connected with the work of visiting the Home vessels, and keeping in touch with Catholic immigrants. The following committee was elected:—Vice-president, Miss Reichel; joint secretaries, Mrs. B. Ellis and Miss Wheller; volunteers—Mesdames McSherry, Phelan, Daly, Heavey, Riddler, Simon, and Reeves, Misses Burke, Flannery, K. O'Sullivan, and May Vincent. It was decided to hold another meeting to which representatives from the Catholic Federation, and the vice-president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (men's branch) would be invited, and from among whom the president of the committee would be chosen. Communication with the Hobart St. Vincent de Paul Conferences will be established, and should facilitate matters. It was also decided that the first official visit from the committee be paid to the Corinthic, which is due here next Tuesday, when Mrs. Reichel and the vice-president will go on board.

Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), returned to Wellington last week after an extended absence spent in visiting the various parishes of the Marist Order.

A large and enthusiastic meeting filled St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, to discuss the best method of honoring their parish priest, who has been appointed Coadjutor-Archbishop of Wellington by the Holy See. Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., presided, and there were also present Rev. Fathers Hickson, Adm., Barra, and Hurley.

Very Rev. Dean Regnault addressed the meeting, and said that they were called together for the purpose of taking steps to show their high appreciation of the great honor conferred on his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, and to make the day of his consecration a memorable event in the history of the Church in Australasia. He reminded them that as a religious the new Archbishop was not possessed of any of this world's goods, and that the high position to which he had been raised must involve considerable outlay in procuring vestments, etc., for the high office. His Grace, he knew, was opposed to the committee making a collection, but when he was remonstrated with and told what expenses he would have to incur, he reluctantly consented, on the condition that the collection was not pushed.

After some discussion it was unanimously resolved to present his Grace with a purse of sovereigns, to hold a conversation in the Town Hall, to make the event a grand demonstration of Catholicity, and to arrange for the entertaining of visiting prelates and clergy to Wellington. A strong committee, with power to add to its numbers, was set up, and Messrs. J. J. L. Burke and R. H. Williams were elected secretaries. A collection was taken up from those present and realised a good sum, Mr. Maurice O'Connor contributing £25, Dr. Mackin £20, Mr. Burke (Kilbirnie) £50, whilst substantial donations were made by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Miller, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, and Very Rev. Dean Regnault.

Intimation was received by his Grace Archbishop Redwood on Friday morning from Rome that the brief appointing the Very Rev. Dean O'Shea Coadjutor-Archbishop of Wellington has been issued and is now on its way to New Zealand.

New Plymouth

(From an occasional correspondent.)

June 6.

A committee of ladies and gentlemen has been formed to organise a series of entertainments during the winter months, similar to those that proved so popular and successful last year. The first of these will take place at an early date.

The improvements to the Rolland Hall have been effected in such a manner as to leave nothing to be desired. Our parish hall is now, for its size, equal to any in the Dominion.

A very successful fortnight's mission, conducted by Rev. Fathers Lynch and Tuohey, of the Redemptorist Order, was concluded on Sunday week, when

nearly all the Catholic congregation received Holy Communion. The early Masses and evening services were well attended throughout. Father Tuohey gave a short mission in Waitara before leaving this district.

The Catholic community here sustained a serious loss by the death of Mr. J. H. Parker, which took place at his residence, Powderham street, after a lingering illness. The late Mr. Parker took a leading and active part in every movement having for its object the advancement of the Church and our Catholic schools. He led a most exemplary Christian life, and his place in our midst will not be easily filled. Mrs. Parker and family have the sincere sympathy of our Catholic people in their sad affliction.—R.I.P.

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(From our own correspondent.)

June 7.

At the last meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society two candidates were proposed and one received by clearance.

The local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society has issued invitations for a series of socials to be held during the winter.

Last Sunday week a number of children received First Communion. There was a crowded congregation, and a large number of adults also approached the Holy Table. The children were afterwards entertained at breakfast in the schoolroom.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 9.

Mr. P. A. Young, who, for a number of years, has filled the position of relieving postmaster in many country places, combining these duties, at intervals, with his ordinary avocation as telegraphist in the Christchurch office, has been appointed postmaster of the branch city office, High street—a preferment well deserved, and one sure of wide popular approval.

The fact of a petition to Parliament, adverse to the granting of the referendum on the Bible-in-Schools League's proposals, being in circulation, and the urgent need of such being unanimously signed by our adult Catholic population, were referred to in all our city and suburban churches on last Sunday. Energetic action in the direction indicated is already being shown.

After Mass on last Sunday at the Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Sumner, the Very Rev. Father Price, D.C., Adm., presided at a meeting of ladies of the congregation for the purpose of forming an altar society. After listening to an explanation of the objects of such a society in connection with the beautiful church, and the duties appertaining thereto, the names of ten ladies were received as members. Mrs. W. Lee was elected president, and Mrs. R. Williams secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Jas. Main, for the past twelve years chief engineer for the Bowron Export Trading Company, is leaving Christchurch, having accepted the position of works' manager for Messrs. Jas. J. Niven and Company's Gisborne business. On behalf of his late fellow-workers Mr. Main was presented with a handsome case of pipes, accompanied by cordial good wishes for his future welfare, by Mr. J. B. Richardson, departmental manager. As a real sterling Catholic and ardent worker in all Church and school interests, Mr. Main will be greatly missed from among the Cathedral congregation. He is possessed of that geniality, and cheerful willingness to undertake a fair share of parochial duties and responsibilities, which have proved most helpful and stimulating on many occasions. The whole community will wish him and family success and prosperity in his new home and position.

A special general meeting of the M.B.O.B. Association, which was attended by over eighty members, was held on last Monday evening. Owing to his early departure from Christchurch the treasurer and vice-president of the association (Mr. J. Main) rendered a

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