

having been selected for that position out of twenty-five applicants. Mr. Callaghan has for a number of years filled the position of cashier to the Wellington Municipal Tramways, and is a highly esteemed officer of the City Council and very popular, being chairman of the Wellington Municipal Officers' Association. Mr. Callaghan was born at Newcastle, New South Wales, is a staunch Catholic, and has been associated with the Hibernian Society since early youth. On coming to New Zealand, fifteen years ago, he at once took a prominent part in the society in Wellington, being the recognised leader of Hibernianism in this city. He was elected District Deputy of the society for Wellington after having occupied practically every office. It was through his exertions that the Newtown, Thorndon, Hutt, Petone, Levin, and Wanganui branches came into existence. He was also instrumental in forming the Wellington District H.A.C.B. Society Council, which has done so much good work for Hibernianism in this district. As president of the council he was mainly instrumental in bringing into existence the Wellington Catholic Education Board, of which body he is vice-chairman. Mr. Callaghan is also president of the Sacred Heart conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and has taken a keen interest in the Catholic Club, having for a number of years occupied positions on the executive. Mr. Callaghan has also taken a keen interest in the formation of the New Zealand Catholic Federation, being a member of the provisional Dominion Executive, vice-president of the Wellington Diocesan Council, and has been elected by that body as one of its representatives on the permanent Dominion Executive when formed. From Mr. Callaghan's record outlined above it can be seen that the Catholic community of Wellington is losing one of its most popular and energetic workers, whose place it will be difficult to fill. He will take with him to his new sphere of duty the heartiest good wishes of a large circle of friends.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

July 14.

Rev. Father Richards, pastor of Hawarden, returned last Thursday from a visit to relatives in Queensland and South Australia.

Rev. Father Schaefer, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, is at present officiating at Leeston, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Father Bowden, S.M.

The Rev. Father P. J. Lynch, C.S.S.R., preached to a crowded congregation in the Cathedral on last Sunday evening at Vespers. Father Lynch is at present conducting a retreat for the Sisters of Nazareth.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall on last Monday evening, Bro. R. O'Brien, B.P., presiding. Sick pay to the amount of £23 16s 8d was passed for payment to thirteen members on the sick list. The following officers were elected for the ensuing

term:—President, Bro. H. A. Sloan; vice-president, Bro. J. Griffin; secretary, Bro. M. Grimes; treasurer, Bro. G. Dobbs; warden, Bro. J. Flannelly; guardian, Bro. F. Smith; sick visitors, Bros. J. McCormick and R. O'Brien; assistant-secretary, Mr. W. P. Daly; auditors, Bros. McGarty and E. Wall; delegates to district board—Bros. E. Kane, C. Teehan, and H. J. McMullin. The officers were duly installed by Bro. R. O'Brien, P.P., and all returned thanks for election.

UNIVERSAL JUBILEE.

The following Circular Letter issued by the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., was read in the various churches of the diocese on Sunday last (writes our Christchurch correspondent):—

St. Mary's Manchester street.

Dear Reverend Father,—Our Holy Father, Pius X., has proclaimed a Universal Jubilee this year, 1913, in memory of the year of the World's Peace, 313—when the Emperor Constantine granted so many and so important privileges to the Christian Church.

Amongst the Jews the seventh day was a day of rest, and every seventh year was a Sabbatic year. The year following seven cycles of seven years was set aside as a year of rest, so that every fiftieth year amongst the Jews was a *Jubilee* year. 'Thou shalt sanctify the fiftieth year, and shalt proclaim remission to all the inhabitants of thy land; for it is the year of Jubilee' (Levit. xxv., 10).

The Christian Jubilee is based on the Hebrew Jubilee; indulgences and other spiritual favors constitute the remissions which the Church proclaims at such times.

The first Roman Jubilee of which we have sure record is that proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII. in 1300. It was Pope Paul II. who decided that a Jubilee should be proclaimed every twenty-five years.

In addition to this *Ordinary* Jubilee of the *Holy Year* the Popes grant, at times, Extraordinary Jubilees. This present Jubilee is an Extraordinary Jubilee, and will last till the 8th December—Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Of course to gain the Indulgence of the Jubilee one must be baptised—be in the state of grace especially when the last part of the prescribed works is performed. One must also have the intention of gaining the Jubilee.

In addition—and in detail—the following points are to be observed:—

1. Confession.
2. Communion.
3. Six visits to such Church or Churches as are pointed out by the Constituted Authority.

Here in the Diocese of Christchurch, the visits are to be made as follow:—

In the City itself.—Three visits to the Cathedral, and three to St. Mary's, Manchester street.

In the Outside Parishes.—Six visits to the Parish or principal Church, where feasible; otherwise six visits to the local Church. Facilities should be given for this

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