

Geddes; song, Mr. T. Hughes; recital (with music), 'A gentleman of France,' Miss Doreen Todd; song, 'The Arab's farewell to his steed,' Miss Eileen Murphy; musical monologue, 'Is Pipe,' Mr. Hutton; song, Mr. E. Mee; song, 'The green isle of Erin,' Miss Daisy Hall; double quartet, Senior members of the Christian Brothers' Choir. Mr. P. Keligher conducted with his usual ability, and the accompaniments were played by Mrs. J. D. Woods and Mr. A. W. Pacey. Acting on the suggestion that the committee would be very grateful for gifts suitable for furnishing the stall, a varied selection of articles was received, and quite a stock of groceries for the produce section, which it is expected will be largely supplemented by gifts from country friends. Rev. Brother Moore thanked those who had brought gifts for their kind thoughtfulness.

An eminently successful week's retreat, preached by the Very Rev. Father Roche, C.S.S.R., to the Children of Mary, South Dunedin, was brought to a close on Sunday evening in St. Patrick's Basilica, when fourteen young ladies were consecrated, twelve aspirants were received, and thirteen new members were admitted. The exercises of the retreat were conducted in the chapel of the Convent of Mercy, which was taxed to its utmost capacity each morning and evening. During the week large numbers approached the Holy Table, and on Sunday at the 9 o'clock Mass all who had made the retreat received Holy Communion in a body, wearing the regalia of the confraternity. In a touching closing sermon Very Rev. Father Roche said that the manner in which the Children of Mary had attended the exercises was an edifying manifestation of fervent piety, worthy of the traditions of the South Dunedin sodality. Well might they be proud of their sodality, which is the most perfect of its kind in the whole Dominion. The Papal Blessing was imparted by Father Roche, and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament brought the ceremonies to a close.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

INQUIRER.—We have gone carefully through all the booksellers' and publishers' catalogues available, but have been unable to get on the trail of the book you mention.

MT. MAGDALA.—Full particulars were given in a pamphlet published at this office at the time of Dean Ginaty's death. The whole issue of the pamphlet was sent to Mt. Magdala, and if you write to the Rev. Mother, Mt. Magdala, Christchurch, you will probably be able to get a copy. If not, write to us again.

M.K., Wellington.—You have quite mistaken the point of the paragraph. If you read it again you will see that there was not the faintest suggestion that the incident was an act of humility on Sir Charles Fitzpatrick's part. What was suggested was that it was distinctly creditable to the Chief Justice of Canada that, after the lapse of so many years, he was able at a moment's notice to step into the altar boy's place, and readily and correctly serve Mass.

THE CATHOLIC FEDERATION

WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

A meeting of the Catholic Immigration Committee of the N.Z. Catholic Federation was held at St. Mary's, Boulcott street, on Friday, September 12. Six members were present, and the chair was occupied by the president (Mr. G. Girling-Butcher), who, referring to the resolution passed at a previous meeting, informed the C.I.C. that the Federation was already in communication with the St. Vincent de Paul Conference, London, with reference to immigrants. A discussion followed regarding the low percentage of Catholic immigrants and the form of application for would-be immigrants. On the motion of Mrs. Simon, seconded by Miss Wheeler, a resolution was passed requesting the Federation to ask a Member of Parliament to obtain

an immigrant application form, inquire whether any discrimination is shown as regards religion, and the reason for inquiring as to the applicants' religion. Three new members were elected. The C.I.C. would gladly welcome more members, and takes this opportunity of expressing gratitude to the St. Vincent de Paul Conference, Hobart, for their assistance in distributing our cards to immigrants coming to the Dominion.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

Under the auspices of the local branches of the Catholic Federation, a largely attended meeting was held in the Marist Brothers' School on last Monday evening to form a Catholic Immigration Committee, on the lines of the organisation in Wellington. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., presided, and the Rev. Father Cooney (Lyttelton) and members of the Diocesan Council were present. At the invitation of the council, about twenty ladies attended, representing the two city confraternities of Diocesan Ladies of Charity and ladies resident in Lyttelton. After the Very Rev. Dean Hills and the Rev. Father Cooney had fully explained the business for which all were assembled, the movement was left to the ladies themselves to discuss, it being pointed out that girl and women immigrants would claim the committee's first attention. It was unanimously decided that all present constitute a Catholic Immigration Committee for Christchurch. Miss W. Mahar (Lyttelton) was elected corresponding secretary, and Miss L. Johnston (Lower Riccarton) minute secretary. It was then decided to adjourn pending further information from Wellington, after which a course of action would be planned. The Lyttelton ladies undertake all work at the port—boarding vessels, and directing the immigrants,—the city members of the committee to meet them at the railway station here, provide temporary accommodation, and do all else required. Mr. W. Hayward, jun., president of the Diocesan Council, expressed his intention to provide a special telephone for the use of the committee.

The Very Rev. Dean Hills expressed his great satisfaction at the good work undertaken, and the possibilities opened out in the interests of our co-religionists on arriving in a strange land. In view of the activity displayed by other denominations, our movement was not any too soon. The result would prove how much we might thank ourselves for the commencement made that evening in a work that would cheer our venerable Bishop, and have his cordial blessing. It had his (the speaker's) blessing also, and would have all the assistance it was possible for him to render it.

The Rev. Father Cooney expressed his pleasure at the formation of a Catholic Immigration Committee, and the good-will and enthusiasm displayed at its inauguration. He also went fully into practical details, which showed that in the pastor of Lyttelton the committee will have the help and direction of one whose wide experience will prove invaluable.

The Cathedral parish committee also met at an earlier hour on the same evening, and transacted useful business. The secretary reported that nearly 300 additional names had been enrolled as the result of the renewed canvass up to date.

AUCKLAND.

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

A meeting of the Cathedral parish committee of the Catholic Federation was held at St. Patrick's Presbytery on Friday evening, Rev. Father Ormond presiding. The resignation of the secretary, Mr. J. Ford, was received with regret. Owing to increased business responsibility, Mr. Ford found it impossible to give to Federation matters as much time as was required. The members of the committee much appreciated the amount of time and labor given by Mr. Ford to Federation business. Mr. Robertson will take up the duties of secretary. The question of increasing the membership was discussed, and plans were arranged for enrolling those who had not yet become members.

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