

the position of Director of Manual Training under the Auckland Board of Education, but being practically still in the prime of life and full of activity, Mr. Kalaugher has decided to remain in harness, and is well fitted for the position to which he has been appointed. In church matters both he and Mrs. Kalaugher were indefatigable workers. For years they have contributed to, and assisted in, the Devonport parish functions. His departure from Auckland will be a decided loss, but both Mr. and Mrs. Kalaugher have the warm wishes of many sincere friends in their new surroundings.

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, AUCKLAND

### A SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S OPERATIONS.

(From our own correspondent.)

I have before me a copy of the Particular Council's report for the year ended December 31, 1924. It is a carefully prepared and comprehensive report of the operations of the society in Auckland. The statement of accounts showed that a total sum of £631 0s 3d was expended, leaving a balance in hand of £102 6s 1d.

During the year a change in the personnel of the office-bearers of the society took place. Mr. C. Little, who has been connected with the council for many years, was obliged to resign the office of president through ill-health. His association began with the inception of the society sixteen years ago. He has left an imperishable record of good work behind him. In the capacity of vice-president, Mr. Little is keeping in touch with the Council.

Mr. M. Kelly, who has taken up the office of president, is a worthy successor to his late chief, and is carrying on the great work with unabated enthusiasm and zeal which must command success. Mr. Kelly has long been connected with the society as secretary, and Mr. P. Barry now fills that position.

The Boys' Guild is successfully progressing under the patronage of the Brothers, and a most edifying sight is the regular attendance at Holy Communion of the guild members with the Brothers.

The Auckland Rugby Union has shown its practical sympathy with the society by making a generous donation to its funds.

The report specially mentions the great work done by the Rev. Father Buckley in regard to rescue work. Father Buckley is noted for his great efforts in the cause of humanity.

The pilgrimage to the Little Sisters of the Poor this year was a very successful visit, being well attended by the city and suburban conferences. The society was not able to have a representative present at the triennial congress at Melbourne, but felicitations were sent.

Special thanks are accorded his Lordship Bishop Liston, the spiritual director, Archdeacon Holbrook and others of the clergy for their keen interest displayed in the society. The ladies' conference has also well earned the appreciation of the council for the great help accorded.

The statistical information compiled and embodied in the report strikingly indicates the valuable work done by the members. The

roll of membership shows 59 (including active and honorary); 220 new cases were attended to during the year; some 680 persons were relieved; 494 visits were made to the poor in their own homes and assistance given; medical aid cases, 4; clothing and boots distributed to 99 persons; lodging and meals provided for 158; books and Catholic papers distributed, 2838; visits to hospitals, gaols, blind institute, asylum, and Costley Home, 444.

The above is sufficient testimony to the great work done by members, and the value that such a society is to the Auckland community.

### Bishop Liston's Address.

The meeting at which the report and balance sheet were submitted was presided over by his Lordship Bishop Liston, who, in addressing those present, stated that it was his happy privilege to extend a welcome to the members of St. Vincent de Paul Society at its 17th annual meeting. The Bishop said that it was indeed hard to find something fresh to say on this occasion. Everything seemed to have been done to continue the good work that had persistently characterised the previous efforts of the members. It was worthy of every commendation and support. One and all should offer up their thanks to God for keeping alive the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. The Bishop detailed the remarkable amount of work carried out in visiting the hospital, blind institute, homes of the poor, and the amount of relief given; and also stressed the splendid act of generosity achieved by the society in donating £100 towards refurnishing the Takapuna Boys' Orphanage. Moreover it was pleasant to see that the operations of the society had extended as far as giving help to the Deaf Mutes' School at Castlehill, Sydney; to the Leper Hospital at Fiji; Mt. Magdala Home, Christchurch; St. Mary's Anglican Home, Otahuhu; the Little Sisters of the Poor; the Catholic Girls' Orphanage, Onehunga; Avondale, Thames, Coromandel, Devonport, and King Country. Rosaries and catechisms were distributed at Pakatoa, Rotorua, and the Evelyn Firth Home for Soldiers.

In conclusion his Lordship enumerated the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and asked all present to seek God's blessing on their activities for the ensuing year—1925.

Captain Plunkett, associated with society work at Auckland, who was present, stated that it was a great pleasure to him to be again amongst old friends in this work, and expressed his surprise and gratification at the magnitude of the operations of the society. In his travels in the Old Country, Captain Plunkett said that it was of much interest to him to note the work of St. Vincent de Paul societies, and he found that no better work was being done than in Auckland. One instance came under his notice that he considered worth repeating. At Glasgow in a very small parish something like £5 a week was being contributed by the congregation to the objects of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. A great sacrifice was being made by these people, but it indicated the wonderful spirit that actuated them in helping this cause.

## Diocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

February 28.

Owing to the epidemic his Lordship the Bishop has decided to postpone the opening of the new church at Fisherton until Sunday, March 15.

The new church at Marshlands, to be blessed and opened on March 8, is to be dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. All the furnishings and statues have already been generously donated by the parishioners.

Very Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, C.M., Sydney, is at present the guest of his Lordship the Bishop.

Rev. Father Seward has returned from Auckland, and will resume duties at Darfield during the week.

The St. Patrick's Day national concert will be under the auspices of the Hibernian Society, and will be held in the Caledonian Hall on the evening of March 17. Quite a good programme is being arranged.

Rev. Father Hugh McDonnell, procurator St. Patrick's College, Wellington, and Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., are visiting Christchurch.

Miss Kathleen Garven will give a concert in the Caledonian Hall on Monday evening, March 2. Miss Garven will be assisted by many local artists. The proceeds are in aid of Nazareth House.

Rev. Father McLaughlin, Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, preached at the Cathedral on Sunday evening.

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## Addington

(From our own correspondent.)

February 28.

Arrangements are well advanced for the garden fete, to be held at the residence of Mr. W. Hayward, Lincoln Road, Spreydon, on Saturday next, the 7th inst. The stallholders appeal to all lady parishioners for supplies of produce, home-made goods, etc. This function is being held in connection with the Addington stall with the object of assisting the greater Nazareth House garden fete now being promoted.

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## Alexandra

(From a correspondent.)

Mr. J. C. Millar, one of our choir members, prior to his departure to take up the position of canvasser-inspector to the Otago Power Board, was the recipient of a parting gift in recognition of his services. Referring to his departure, Rev. Father O'Connell said that Mr. Millar possessed enthusiasm, one of the best qualities in a good choir member.

The Sisters returned recently, and are patiently awaiting the pleasure of the Health Department to open the school.

Judging by the attendance at Mass it will soon be necessary to get the new church building under way. It is a healthy sign for religion to see the churches becoming too small.

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