

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

A collection in aid of the funds of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taken up on Sunday next at St. Joseph's Cathedral and other churches of the Cathedral parish. The fact that funds are greatly needed to cope with the present demands on the resources of the society was stressed on last Sunday at all the Masses, special attention being directed to next Sunday's collection, which it is hoped will result in a substantial sum being contributed.

The Sisters of Mercy have received from Miss Knott, president of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club, the sum of £13, proceeds of a eucharist tournament organised by the club on behalf of St. Vincent's Orphanage. The Waverley and South Dunedin Catholic Orphanages are almost entirely dependent on the voluntary help of our people, whose charitable enterprises on behalf of God's little ones enable the nuns to keep the institutions going. Pressing applications for admittance to the orphanage at South Dunedin are daily being made in numbers far beyond present resources, and the Sisters are grateful for help such as the generous members of St. Joseph's Club have given. Sincere thanks are tendered to the president and members.

In the basket-ball tournament for the shield, St. Dominic's defeated Otago Girls' High School by 9 to 4 on Monday last.

The Cheerio Concert Party will give an entertainment in the Coronation Hall, St. Kilda, on Saturday evening, 27th inst., at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be devoted to the Catholic Schools' Scholarships Fund.

The St. Patrick's Harriers held their usual run on Saturday afternoon. The trail led up Erin Street, Roslyn, round City Road, down to the Kaikorai Valley, thence to Wakari round past Balmacewen Links, then to the Clear, where an enjoyable game of Soccer was indulged in. A fast run home then took place, resulting in C. Hanrahan, Monaghan, and Taylor being first to finish.

St. Joseph's Ladies' Club will hold a five-hundred evening in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday, 31st inst., in aid of the Sisters of Mercy, Mornington.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SACRED HEART CONFERENCE, NORTH-EAST VALLEY, DUNEDIN.

The tenth annual meeting of the Sacred Heart Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, North-east Valley, Dunedin, was held on last Tuesday evening. Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and besides a full attendance of the members, representatives were present from St. Joseph's Cathedral and the Kaikorai Conferences. The following report and statement of accounts were submitted by the secretary (Miss Murphy):—

The conference consists of 8 active and 65 honorary members. 20 meetings were held during the year, with an average attendance of 6 members. 34 deserving cases were relieved and 278 visits paid to the sick and poor. 34 orders were issued for coal and 35 for groceries. Two pairs of new and one pair of second-hand boots, 56 new and 88 second-hand garments were distributed; 12 parcels of second-hand clothing were received and renovated. The receipts, including £18 7s 11d brought forward from the previous year; subscriptions (£22 5s) and donations (£4) amounted to £44 12s 11d. The expenditure, including payments for coal (£23 8s 9d), groceries (£11 14s 6d), drapery (18s), and sundries, amounted to £39 3s, thus leaving a credit balance of £5 9s 11d.

Thanks are recorded to Rev. Father Ardagh (late spiritual director) for kindly advice and generous assistance; also to the honorary members, and to all who have in any way assisted the conference in its work.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, Father Coffey very warmly complimented the conference on its year's record of well-doing. He eulogised the office-bearers and diligent workers who devoted their time and means in the spiritual and temporal interests of those in need, and who, too, were to be found in the forefront of every parish undertaking. Works of charity and benevolence were ever present, and it was most cheer-

ing and gratifying to know that willing workers could be found (such as this city was blessed with) to not alone assist the poor and distressed but also ever ready to help the clergy in all undertakings for the advancement of religion and Catholic education. He (the speaker) was impressed with the necessity of having a Sunday school established for the children of the north end of the city and Maori Hill, and hoped when arrangements in this direction could be effected that assistance in conducting Christian doctrine classes for children who were not otherwise afforded the opportunity of such teaching, would be forthcoming from the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In conclusion he wished the conference long-continued success, and whatever assistance and encouragement he and his fellow-priests could render would be cheerfully extended at all times.

The office-bearers of the conference are—President, Mrs. Hungerford; secretary and treasurer, Miss N. Murphy; wardrobe-keeper, Mrs. Banks.

OBITUARY

MRS. JULIA WOODS, WYNDHAM RIDGES.

The fast diminishing band of early settlers in this district (writes a correspondent) lost yet another of their number on Tuesday, 2nd inst., when Mrs. Julia Woods, Wyndham Ridges, relict of John Woods, was called to her abiding home. The deceased lady was a native of Carrabrown, parish of Castlegar, Co. Galway, Ireland, and she was the youngest and last surviving member of a family of five sons and four daughters of the late William Duggan. Julia Duggan came out to New Zealand 48 years ago to join her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Collins, who were well known in the early days at Invercargill, Roslyn Bush, and Pukerau. Ere long the young woman removed to "Dunalister," Wyndham, under engagement to the late Hon. Dr. Menzies; and two years later she was married to Mr. John Woods (who already had a selection on the Ridges) at Invercargill by Rev. Father Carden. Three sons were the result of the union: Michael F. (manager of G. W. Woods and Co., Invercargill), John (who has remained on the farm), and George William (a victim of the influenza epidemic in the latter part of 1918). Her husband had passed away some years previous to the loss of her youngest son, whereupon Mrs. Woods, who was nothing if not practical and courageous, took over the control of the farm for some time, until full of years she handed the control to her son John. Other near relatives of the deceased lady in the Dominion include Messrs. John Collins (Mataura Island), Walter Collins (Wyndham), and William Duggan (Wellington, and formerly of Wyndham), nephews; Mrs. S. Browne (Mataura Island), niece; and Mr. Patrick M. Burke (Wyndham), cousin. The late Mrs. Woods was a good-hearted neighbor, and a generous benefactor of the Church. The high esteem in which her memory was held was shown by the lengthy cortege of mourners at the funeral, including representatives of all denominations, and some coming from Winton, Invercargill, and Gore. The remains were interred in the Wyndham Cemetery on the 4th inst. The Rev. Father O'Donnell (Gore) was the officiating priest.—R.I.P.

IRISH RELIEF FUND

M. Graham, £1; J. F. Cleary, £1; T. Enright, £2; Jas. Maguire, £1; P. B. O'Connor, £1 1s; J. Cosgrove, £1; M. Welsh, Invercargill, £2; Sympathiser, £2 4s 6d.

Edmond Magner was entered as Ed. Wagner for £10 Irish Fund and £5 Grey Lynn, August 4. H. Madden (£5) was entered as McCadden.

In placing intellect above character we have undone the equilibrium of society.—De Gasparin.

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