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**DIocese of Christchurch**

(From our own correspondent.)

July 23.

The Rev. Father O'Connell was last week at Geraldine on his mission in aid of the Cathedral fund. He is expected back in the city at the end of the week.

At Mount Magdala on Sunday, the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen was observed with befitting solemnity. A Missa Cantata was celebrated by the Rev. Father Galerne, S.M., who also preached.

Under the auspices of the Christchurch Catholic Club a social gathering was held at the Alexandra Hall on last Thursday evening. Progressive euchre and attractions of a varied nature went to make up an enjoyable programme. The secretary, Mr. W. F. Hallins, and members of the Executive Committee, with the assistance of a few energetic ladies, contributed to the success of the event.

On the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the chapel at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, there was the impressive ceremony of reception of four young ladies in the Congregation of 'Our Lady of Missions.' The Very Rev. Vicar-General presided, and others of the clergy present were the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, Rev. Fathers Hyland, Richards, Hickson, and Galerne. Many of the relatives of the young aspirants were also present.

The annual meeting of the Cathedral Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, was held on last Wednesday evening at the presbytery, Barbadoes street. It was decided that the annual appeal in the Cathedral in aid of the funds should be on Sunday, August 20, on which occasion a charity sermon is to be preached by a Redemptorist Father, who at the time will be engaged conducting a retreat for the Sisters of Nazareth. All the retiring officers were re-elected unopposed. They are as follow:—President, Bro. E. O'Connor, J.P.; vice-president, Bro. J. McCormick; hon treasurer, Bro. F. O'Connell; hon. secretary, Bro. E. Shanly; wardrobe-keeper, Bro. F. O'Connell. It was decided to establish a library in connection with the conference, and Bro. J. Hendron was appointed to the position of librarian. The duties of spiritual director are retained by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G.

The adjourned half-yearly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on July 12, when the officers for the ensuing term were installed by Bro. P. Pearce, P.P., who congratulated the branch on its steady progress during the past six months. A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers, Bros. J. Nelson, T. Pender, E. Will, and P. Pearce. The business sheet for district meeting was dealt with, and the delegate instructed to vote against the motion to be brought forward by the Onehunga branch. On Monday, July 16, a special meeting was held to discuss a number of amendments and additions to rules, which were carried unanimously. During the evening four new members were initiated and one received by clearance, and three candidates were nominated for membership. The secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of the branch to the widow of the late Bro. J. Shannon, of Westport.

In honor of the patronal feast day, a general meeting of members of the various conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, including the Cathedral 'Ladies of Charity,' was held at the presbytery on last Thursday evening. About thirty were present. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., spiritual director, presided, and gave an impressive address on charity, the special methods which should be followed, and the spirit that should animate those who are privileged to be associated in a work so near to the loving Heart of our Divine Saviour. The president of the Particular Council explained that the meeting, and others of a similar nature, at stated intervals, were provided for in the rules of the society, and now that conferences were sufficiently organised, would be regularly observed. Bro. E. O'Connor (president Cathedral Conference) and Bro. H. Anthony (president St. Joseph's Conference, Lyttelton) also addressed the meeting. It was incidentally mentioned that an effort will be made to arrange a retreat shortly for all members.

Among the awards for bravery made at the annual meeting of the Royal Humane Society (New Zealand branch) held last week, appears the following:—A certificate to Philip Cardon Dwyer (aged fourteen), for rescuing Jane Barragh (aged twelve) and Samuel Barragh (aged three), from drowning at Riccarton Racecourse on December 26, 1905. The occurrence in this connection, it may be remembered, was at the Catholic picnic last Boxing Day. Whilst on the subject of brave deeds, another on the part of one of our Catholic boys not yet sixteen years of age has been brought under my notice, but which has, so far, not received any public record. Master D. Haughey, engaged in the office of a large manufacturing firm, whilst out on a message a few weeks ago, observed a child floating down the Avon. Dismounting from his bicycle and divesting himself of his coat only, he waded into the water up to his chin and brought the child out safely. His risk was the greater owing to the fact that there was a deep layer of mud on the river bottom at the spot, which made the rescue all the more difficult. It is hoped notice will be taken of the incident in the right quarter.

The convent girls' school (Cathedral), conducted by the Sisters of the Missions, was examined on June 22 by Mr. E. K. Mulgan, Inspector under the North Canterbury Board of Education. In his detailed report the Inspector writes: 'The result of the annual visit shows that a good deal of useful work—the outcome of earnest and faithful effort—has been done in this school during the year. In several directions a creditable state of efficiency has been reached, and some commendable work has been done in most classes.' Whilst specifying certain work, he writes: 'It is but fair to add that the unfavorable conditions under which the work of the school has been carried on during the year make it extremely difficult, if not impossible to reach a high level of efficiency.' This has reference to the interior arrangements of the school building, a matter which is receiving the attention desired by a committee set up for the purpose. Another point raised in this connection is one in which the parents and not the teachers are to blame, viz., 'irregular attendance.' Whilst a great percentage in all standards were promoted, the failures in this connection were so placed, in nearly every case, through absence from the examination. In standard VI., out of a class comprising 23 pupils 13 were granted certificates of proficiency, and 5 certificates of competency, 13 years and 7 months being the average age of pupils. Whilst 'satisfactory' was bracketed against most of the compulsory subjects, singing and needlework were stated as 'good,' which was emphasised also in regard to the order, discipline, and tone of the school.

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