

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

ST. MARY'S CONFERENCE, WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

At the annual meeting of the members of the above conference, held on Thursday evening, January 7, in the presbytery, Boulcott street, the following report of work done during the year ended December 31, was presented, together with a balance sheet showing the receipts and expenditure:—The total membership—Active, 22; of honor, 3; and honorary, 17; meetings held, 52; average attendance, 12; number of cases, 125; persons relieved, 122; visits paid to sick and poor people in their homes, 271; employment provided for 8, passages by boat provided for 8, clothing provided for (families) 12, lodgings and meals provided for 4, school books supplied to 2, visits paid to institutions, including Sunday schools, 121; persons sent to institutions, 6; children sent to Catholic schools, 14; children committed to Catholic institutions, 5; persons brought to the Church to their religious duties, 7; Masses said for deceased persons, 5. Other good works, 6. A ladies' branch, under the name of 'Guild of Mercy,' was started during the year, which undertakes the distribution of clothing, etc., to the sick and needy. Bookcases were erected in the St. Joseph's and St. Mary of the Angels' Churches for the penny pamphlets of the Catholic Truth Society, the sale of which totalled nearly £15 for the year. Sunday school classes were opened by the Conference in Mitchelltown and Brooklyn, and are well attended weekly and have already borne good fruit.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
December 31, 1907.—To balance	44	13	6
Secret collections	51	9	3
Subscriptions, donations, and bequests	82	8	7
Poor boxes	9	13	7
Books sold	14	14	0
	£202	18	11

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Relief in kind	8	12	6
Relief in money—rent, passages, etc.	61	18	9
Relief in clothing, bedding, boots, etc.	15	12	6
Books (Catholic Truth Society) and cost of book cases	26	18	11
Special works.—Donation to Particular Council, £5; to Thorndon, £10; Newtown, £10. Conferences	25	0	0
Payment to nurse	38	10	0
Unclassified expenditure and sundries	8	5	2
Balance in hand, 31/12/08	18	1	1
	£202	18	11

A new Conference will be opened at St. Joseph's, Church, Buckle street, on Sunday, January 17. The Particular Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society have engaged a second nurse to look after the needs of the sick poor in Wellington.

At the quarterly conference meeting reference was made to the work done by the Wellington Catholic Seamen's Conference during the past year. Every Sunday for the past twelve months all the foreign boats in port were visited by the members, who took with them packages of Catholic and secular literature to distribute among the seamen, also printed cards showing the locality of the Catholic churches in the city, and the hours at which the services are held. The members have in many cases met the Catholic seamen and escorted them to Mass. An arrangement was made with the chief officer of the Australasian Squadron when in the harbor to allow the Catholic seamen to go to a special Mass on a Sunday in a body. The Mass was held at St. Mary of the Angels', when about 80 sailors were present. The members of the Conference are all young men.

MARIST BROTHERS' SCHOOL, WANGANUI

On Friday, December 18, the Very Rev. Dean Grogan presided at the breaking-up ceremony of the Marist Brothers' School, and distributed the prizes. Previous to the distribution he addressed the boys. He spoke eulogistically of the conduct of the pupils during the year, remarked favorably on their intelligence and demeanor, pointed out the advantages of application and perseverance in studies, and exhorted them to make good use of their holiday time by reading carefully the books they were going to receive as a reward for their past year's labors.

The Rev. Father Molloy, of Marton, and Father Mahony also spoke in appreciation of the doings of the boys, not only in the class room, but in athletic competitions with boys of other schools. Brother Basil, director, expressed his own satisfaction and that of his colleagues at the manner in which the boys had applied themselves to their studies during the year.

Mr. Braik, the chief inspector, reported very favorably on the work done. At the recent synchronous examination the school was credited with five proficiency passes and one competency; and at the Civil Service examination, the results of which were published in February last, four of the boys were among the successful candidates.

The Brothers wish to gratefully acknowledge their indebtedness to all those who generously contributed to their prize fund. The following is the prize list:—

Civil Service Class.—Good conduct—L. Loft (gold medal, presented by Rev. F. Mahony); T. Crotty, first in English, French, and Christian doctrine; E. Stafford, first in magnetism and electricity, physiology, and writing.

Standard VI.—Aggregate merit—J. Quick (silver medal presented by Mrs. Perrett) 1, F. Grogan 2, M. Meehan 3; catechism—J. Quirk 1, J. Richardson 2, G. Cronin 3; reading—J. Quirk 1, M. Meehan 2; spelling—J. Quirk 1, W. Briggs 2; writing—W. Briggs 1, J. McCulloch 2; arithmetic—F. Grogan 1, J. Quirk 2; English—J. Quirk 1, F. Grogan 2; geography—F. Grogan 1, J. Quirk 2; drawing—W. Briggs 1, J. Quirk 2.

Standard V.—Good conduct, R. Ahern 1; aggregate merit, C. Jensen 1, O. Grogan 2, T. McGoldrick 3; Christian doctrine—A. Callaghan 1, C. Jensen 2; reading—R. Aherne 1, D. Cronin 2; writing—M. Cavanagh 1, R. Ahern 2; arithmetic—C. Jensen 1, O. Grogan 2; drawing—C. Jensen 1, O. Grogan 2; spelling—D. Cronin 1, R. Ahern 2; diligence, G. Tyrrell 1.

Standard IV.—Aggregate merit—H. Brown 1, J. Delaney 2, C. Lloyd 3; Christian doctrine—E. Wood 1, C. Greener 2; attendance—C. Greener 1; reading—M. McCartney 1, C. Lloyd 2; writing—R. Aherne 1, M. McCartney 2; English and spelling—T. Murphy 1, C. Lloyd 2; geography—P. Corliss 1, A. Smith 2; drawing—A. Smith 1, C. Greener 2; diligence—D. O'Neill 1; arithmetic—E. Wood 1, J. Delaney 2; gardening—C. Smithies 1, A. Schank 2.

Standard III.—Aggregate merit—P. Cronin 1, L. Curran 2; Christian doctrine—P. Cronin 1, L. Curran 2; good conduct—Stanislaus Freeman 1; reading—J. Slatter 1, P. Cronin 2; writing—S. Freeman 1, L. Curran 2; spelling—P. Cronin 1, J. Slatter 2; arithmetic—S. Freeman 1, L. Curran 2; drawing—S. Freeman 1, P. Cronin 2; English—W. Cribb 1, S. Freeman 2.

Standard II.—Aggregate merit—W. Molan 1, J. Molan 2; Christian doctrine—E. Crotty 1, W. Molan 2; reading—G. Tuffin 1, I. Luxford 2; writing—L. Corney 1, J. Molan 2; spelling—L. Corney 1, J. Moynihan 2; arithmetic—L. Corney 1, A. Cooper 2; drawing—F. Crotty 1, L. Corney 2; English—J. Molan 1, W. Molan 2.

Standard I.—Aggregate merit—E. Crotty 1, M. Meehan 2; Christian doctrine—E. Crotty 1, J. Quirk 2; reading—J. Greener 1, E. Corliss 2; spelling—M. O'Brien 1, E. Corliss 2; writing—M. O'Connor 1, J. Quirk 2; English—J. Quirk 1, J. Greener 2; arithmetic—M. Meehan 1, M. O'Connor 2; drawing—E. Crotty 1, D. McGuire 2.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Cattle.—215 head forward; a big yarding, consisting mostly of prime to good quality. The demand was poor, and prices were lower by from 10s to 20s per head than those ruling last week. Best bullocks, £9 to £10; extra, up to £12; medium, £7 to £8 10s; inferior, £5 5s to £6 12s 6d; best heifers, up to £8 5s.

Sheep.—A full yarding of 2630, consisting of a large proportion of ewes with a few pens of prime wethers. The sale opened weakly, and there was a decline of about 2s per head, on last week's rates. Best wethers, 18s 6d to 20s; extra, 21s 6d; medium, 16s to 17s 9d; inferior, 15s 6d; best ewes, 16s to 18s 3d; extra, 19s 3d; medium, 13s to 15s; inferior, 12s 6d.

Lambs.—617 penned. Prime lambs sold well, but others met with a poor demand. Best lambs, 15s 6d to 17s 9d; medium, 12s to 14s 6d; inferior, 11s 6d.

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