

the United Kingdom, for this work. Mr. W. Angland (Timaru) proposed that the matter be thoroughly gone into by the delegates to the Dominion Council, and recommended the Dominion Executive to approach the Immigration Department for a fair understanding. -- Carried.

The necessity of appointing representatives to attend the Juvenile and Magistrates' Courts in the interest of Catholic children was affirmed on the motion of the secretary, who gave good reasons furnished by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The establishing of a Catholic hostel for the accommodation of Catholic girls awaiting situations, and in the interests of Catholic young women newly arrived, was a remit moved by the secretary. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy suggested approaching the authorities of existing institutions meanwhile. Proposed by Mr. Angland, seconded by Mr. Leigh. That the matter be held over until the Immigration Department were approached. -- Carried.

The two following remits from Timaru were bracketed for the purposes of discussion. The Diocesan Council provide marquees for the purpose of having Mass celebrated at military camps. Mr. Leigh, supporting the remit, thought various branches should assist in railing it to camps could be borne by the Diocesan trouble need be anticipated from military authorities. After the marquee was provided the expense incurred in railing it to camps could be borne by the Diocesan Council. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy, in seconding the motion, urged that practical steps be taken immediately. -- Carried.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Not the least important aspect of the conference was the amount and urgency of the business transacted, other than that appearing on the agenda paper.

In this connection the secretary of St. Mary's branch (Christchurch) performed a splendid service in presenting lengthy type-written notes of the investigations and findings of his branch on the social question.

The chairman congratulated St. Mary's secretary for the fine work he had done, and pointed out that the inspection of boarding out homes for children was very lax.

The Rev. Father Richards was of opinion that no home for boarding out Catholic children should be accepted by the State authorities unless approved of by the Federation.

The Rev. Dr. Kennedy proposed that a motion of appreciation be passed to the diocesan secretary for his services, and that he be re-elected and remunerated. Mr. H. D. Tomlinson (Fairlie) and other delegates spoke to the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bachelor (St. Andrews) and carried.

The chairman thanked delegates for attending and devoting so much time and energy to the business of the conference. He also thanked the clergy for their attendance and valued assistance at the meeting. The Very Rev. Dean Hyland replied on behalf of the clergy, and expressed the hope that all parishes not yet organised and those that are organised will be represented at next meeting.

Mr. W. Angland (Timaru) thanked the executive and Christchurch branches for the reception accorded the delegates. The Rev. Father Richards proposed and Mr. W. Barty (Fairlie) seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the president and executive for the work done and the manner in which the meeting was conducted. Mr. J. R. Hayward replied on behalf of the executive officers.

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#### Gisborne

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Rev. Father Carran and a party of Gisbornites left by steamer for Wellington on July 19 to attend the monster meeting of protest against the Referendum Bill.

Sister Emerentia, of the local convent, received the sad news of the death of her mother a few days ago. The sympathy of the whole community will be extended to the good Sister in the sad loss which she has sustained.

The annual entertainment in aid of the convent school is fixed for next month (August). The utmost enthusiasm is being displayed by the ladies' committee who have the matter in hand, and the social promises to be a huge success.

The bazaar committee continues to do good work and by the opening night (October 19) it is anticipated there will be nothing left undone to ensure the success of the largest undertaking of this kind ever attempted in Gisborne. Mr. J. E. Main (chairman of committee) and those associated with him are confident of putting up something in the nature of a record as regards takings.

#### Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

The half-yearly Communion of the members of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Sunday, July 5, when a large number of members, in conjunction with members of the Catholic Club, approached the Holy Table in regalia.

The local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society has of late shown a gratifying increase in membership. The improvement in the attendance at the branch meetings and the enthusiasm shown by members augur well for the future success of the branch.

Included in the pass list of the Royal College of Music in the theory examination, held in Ashburton, appear the names of pupils of the local convent as following: Dorothy C. Cullen, Ellen Harrahan, Anna Bradley, Olive Christie, Ella Langley, and Dorothy Brown.

The weekly meetings of the Catholic Young Men's Club continue to be well attended. The business at the last weekly meeting took the form of a discussion on an originally worded Licensing Act Amendment Bill, brought down by the club president (Mr. D. McDonnell). Mr. McDonnell, as Premier, was ably supported by Mr. F. K. Cooper in his endeavour to pass the Bill through the House. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. S. Madden), with Mr. M. J. Burgess as his worthy lieutenant, vigorously protested against the measure—the consequence of which was the adjournment of the discussion till the next meeting night.

The half-yearly meeting of the Ashburton branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Monday, evening, July 6. There was a good attendance of members, Bro. T. Purcell, B.P., presiding. One new member was initiated. The following officers were elected for the ensuing half year:—Past president, Bro. J. Lee; president, Bro. T. Purcell (re-elected); vice-president, Bro. J. Lennon (re-elected); treasurer, Rev. Father O'Donnell (re-elected); secretary, Bro. P. Brophy; warden, Bro. P. Brosnan; guardian, Bro. J. Devlin; sick visitors, Bros. J. Lennon and V. Madden (re-elected); auditors, Bros. J. Hannigan and S. Madden. Past-presidents Bros. T. M. Brophy and S. Madden were appointed to act on the judicial committee. The officers were duly installed in their various positions, and, after other business had been transacted, the meeting closed and the members were entertained at supper, kindly provided by the president.

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