

leaves at once to commence a mission in the Dunedin diocese.

At St. Benedict's yesterday morning, the men of the parish in large numbers received Holy Communion. Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., in addressing them, took occasion to refer to the devastating war in progress in the northern hemisphere, and asked their prayers for those at the front who needed them. A procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin took place after Vespers.

For the purpose of forming a branch of the Mercy Guild, which has its headquarters at the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Ponsonby, a well-attended meeting was held at St. Leo's Academy, Devonport, last Tuesday evening. Mrs. J. J. O'Brien (president) attended and explained the objects for which the guild was formed, giving details of the amount of comforts already provided for the soldiers at the front and for the hospital ship, and expressing the hope that the Devonport branch would soon be in a fair way to show something substantial for its efforts. Mrs. A. Goldwater was elected branch president, Mrs. Baskiville vice-president, Mrs. J. P. Wright treasurer, and Miss J. M. Koefoed secretary. In order to give the guild a start, Mr. J. J. O'Brien made a donation. A collection was also taken up in the room for Christmas presents for the soldiers.

The members of the Holy Family Confraternity received Holy Communion at the Cathedral on Sunday at the early Mass. Rev. Father Dunphy addressed the last meeting of the confraternity.

The trustees of the local branch of the Hibernian Society placed a scheme before the members to-night for renovating and improving the interior of the Hibernian Hall, which would make it more comfortable and suitable for concerts, while providing a more suitable room for branch meetings.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea is expected to arrive here on next Monday from Vancouver. Arrangements are being made to extend to him a fitting welcome.

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(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

October 11.

A well-attended meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Sunday night, when Bro. B. Berry (vice-president) presided.

On last Thursday night Rev. Father O'Doherty proceeded to Hamilton, where he delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture on the technical terms used in connection with the present war, and on the composition and movements of an army in time of war.

Tenders are being called for the erection of a power-house and for the installation of an electric lighting plant, for which purpose a loan was recently sanctioned by the ratepayers.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, DUNEDIN

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dunedin, was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening of last week. Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a fair attendance of members.

The following was the annual report:—During the past year the sewing meetings have been well attended. Many useful garments were made and given to those in need. Hospitals and prison have been visited, and the poor and sick attended to in their homes; seven women were sent to Mount Magdala, three girls to St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, two boys to Nelson, one girl to Rotorua, one man to Taihape, one woman and two children to Wellington, one man (an invalid) assisted to return to his friends in Scotland, and eleven children were baptised. The following orders and goods were given out:—111 grocery

orders, 62 coal orders, 6 meat orders, 504 yards flannelette, 6 yards flannel, 62 yards dress material, 283 new garments, 401 second-hand garments, 21 pairs new boots, 32 pairs second-hand boots, 18 pairs new blankets; also bedding and furniture, hot water bags and fruit to the sick. One large roll of flannelette was sent to the Early Settlers' Hall for the Belgian relief fund. Fourteen active members are on the roll. We would be glad to welcome new members, especially to help with the monthly collecting, for we find it very hard to meet all the demands on our small banking account. We are hoping before many weeks are over to be able to do something towards establishing a home for young girls, for it is greatly needed. At times it is most difficult for us to get board for young girls coming from the country and other towns. The committee thank all who have helped the society during the past year, and would especially mention his Lordship the Bishop and clergy, the committee of the Victoria Convalescent Guild, U.S.S. Company, police, Mrs. Ansell, Rev. J. Cumming, Messrs. Callan and Gallaway, Drs. Hall and Church, and Mr. Dawson for his generous donation of twelve pairs of blankets. By the efforts of the Victoria Convalescent Guild and Rev. J. Cumming, we were able to give a change of air to twelve people who were in delicate health.

Very Rev. Father Coffey, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, congratulated the members on the good work done during the past year, and said they should make an effort to increase the roll of active members. With regard to the proposal to establish a home for young girls, who came to Dunedin from the country, he suggested that the question be referred to a committee to report to a meeting to be held later on.

The suggestion was agreed to, and the following were appointed a committee to go into the matter:—Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., Messrs. J. B. Callan, T. J. Hussey, J. Hally, Mesdames Jackson, Mowat, Hungerford, Duffy, Carter, Cornish, Hade, and Miss Cameron.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	16	11	0
Sundry donations	18	3	1
Ross bequest	47	10	0
Annual church collection	33	2	4
Subscriptions	15	12	6
Poor box	8	15	0
	£139	13	11

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Drapery	28	11	5
Groceries	17	12	9
Coal	16	4	6
Boots	8	11	9
Telephone (rent for 18 months)	7	13	0
Board	8	4	6
Fares	22	10	0
Mount Magdala	5	0	6
Sundries	6	2	9

£120 11 2

Balance in Bank 19 2 9

£139 13 11

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The following are the officers for the current year:—President, Mrs. Jackson; vice-president, Mrs. Mowat; secretary, Mrs. Hussey; treasurer, Mrs. Cantwell; wardrobe-keepers, Mesdames Stone and Hally.

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