

Federation better known among the Catholics in that district. A series of quarterly general meetings was arranged for. The first of these meetings will be held in Kilbirnie on Sunday, August 20, Messrs. Hoskins and Johnson being chosen to represent the committee.

The monthly general meeting of the Wellington Catholic Guild was held on Wednesday at St. Patrick's Hall, and, considering the very inclement weather, a large number of members attended. An excellent report for the month of July was submitted by the secretary. The following articles were sent to the Lady Liverpool fund at the Town Hall—viz., 100 pairs socks, 20 scarves, 14 pairs mittens, 2 knitted waistcoats, and 27 balaclavas. To the Red Cross Society, Mercer street, 2 pairs bed socks, 27 pyjama girdles, 3 eye-bandages, and 8 face-cloths. In addition to these, 50 pairs of socks are being sent direct to the chaplains at the front. The secretary announced that the Minister for Internal Affairs had given permission for two raffles—(1) A piece of Carrickmacross lace, made in Killarney, and given by Mrs. Martin Kennedy; and (2) an afternoon tea cloth, made and donated by Miss Margaret Collins.

The Marist Brothers' School at Newtown was the scene yesterday of an interesting ceremony. The Mayor (Mr. J. P. Luke) was present, and unfurled the flag on the newly erected flagpole, both the gifts of Mr. John North, an 'old boy' of the school. Rev. Brother Egbert addressed the assembled boys, and pointed out that each of the nations forming the Empire was represented in the flag. His Worship congratulated the boys on their fine physique and comradeship. He paid a tribute to the part played by the hundreds of thousands of Irishmen serving on land and sea in the present war, and said he hoped to see Ireland receiving full consideration when permanent peace was assured. The school drum and fife band, under Mr. Brown's conductorship, made its initial appearance and played the National Anthem; later, the boys sang the Anthem. The boys' band also played 'The minstrel boy' in honor of the Irish flag presented to the school by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy.

The board of trustees of the O'Connor Institute at Westport, in connection with the legacy left by the late Eugene O'Connor, met at his Grace Archbishop Redwood's house last Friday. His Grace the Archbishop, Messrs. Colvin, M.P., and Leaver (Mayor of Westport) were present, and also the hon. secretary (Mr. Geo. Girling-Butcher). The statement of accounts from the Public Trustee was discussed, also a letter from Mr. J. J. Molony, of Westport, solicitor to the board. It was resolved that Messrs. Colvin and Leaver should take advice as to the desirability of further investigating the trust account. It may be mentioned that the late Mr. Eugene O'Connor, by his will, bequeathed property for the purpose of establishing a home on the

West Coast for the aged and children, such home to be in the charge of an Order of religious, approved of by the Catholic Archbishop of the diocese. The board of trustees are the Catholic Archbishop of the diocese, the member of Parliament for the electorate, and the Mayor of Westport. These gentlemen have appointed Mr. Girling-Butcher as honorary secretary.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 7.

Owing to the inclement weather and other circumstances, the appeal in aid of the funds of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Ladies of Charity, which was to have been made in the Cathedral last Sunday, was postponed to next Sunday.

Complete preparations have been made for the carnival in aid of the church property fund in connection with St. Ann's, Woolston, which is to open on next Friday evening in the Hibernian Hall, Barbadoes street, and is to be continued for a week. The promoters have been most successful in their preparatory efforts, and the results are anticipated to be more than satisfactory.

In the grounds of the Sacred Heart Girls' College on last Saturday afternoon, a friendly basket-ball match was played by teams representing the past and present pupils, resulting in a win for present pupils by 4 goals to 3. Miss Mary Whelan captained the former team, and Miss Cushla Ryan the latter. Afternoon tea was served at the conclusion of the game, and a very pleasant time was spent.

In the recent examination in 'first aid,' in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association, 20 candidates from the Sacred Heart Girls' College, Lower High street, were successful. Two other courses are to be taken, and, after the final, the college is to become a centre for imparting the necessary knowledge of this essentially useful work, and the teachers are to be empowered to grant certificates and other awards.

The 9 o'clock Mass, celebrated in the Cathedral on last Friday (anniversary of the declaration of war) by his Lordship the Bishop, was offered for the repose of the souls of the Catholic soldiers who have fallen in the cause of justice, liberty, and right. There was a large congregation, to whom remarks appropriate to the occasion, were made by his Lordship, who also asked the prayers of the faithful for the departed, and offered the prayers for peace among warring nations, ordered by our Holy Father the Pope.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the eleven o'clock Mass in the Cathedral on Sun-

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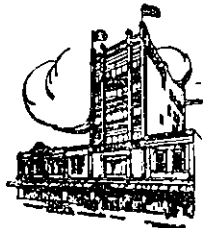
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