

appeal, deserving as the case is, is somewhat poor, but in justice to the members, it is only fair to state that many of them have subscribed to the 'Tablet fund' and the various 'parish funds' for the same purpose, therefore it is that the 'Hibernian fund' is so small in New Zealand.

We respectfully submit to you the business before you and bespeak for it your earnest consideration, hoping for the best results for the society from your deliberations, and with every good wish for the future of the H.A.C.B. Society. We beg to remain, yours fraternally—Very Rev. H. F. Holbrook (District President), E. J. Higgins (District Vice-President), James Smith (Past District President), M. J. Sheahan (District Treasurer), W. Kane (District Secretary).

Finance.—The balance in the funeral fund showed £14,069, being an increase of £523 10s. The supplementary sick fund showed an expenditure of £20 and a balance of £1988 13s, a profit for the half-year of £314 10s. The guarantee fund showed a balance of £244 12s and a profit of £104 12s. The general fund showed a balance of £192 18s, a deficit of £125 3s. The amount of money loaned on freehold mortgage was £17,405. The District Secretary moved the adoption of the model rules submitted by the Government under the Finance Act, 1916, part ix., social insurance for approved Friendly Societies, as per copies supplied to branch secretaries by the Friendly Societies Department. This was carried unanimously. The accounts, principally officers' salaries, were passed.

General Business.

The delegate for St. Andrew's branch, Levin, moved the following amendment to rules 24 and 81: "A financial full benefit male or female member of the H.A.C.B. Society in New Zealand is entitled to have the £20 funeral allowance paid on his or her behalf when overtaken by death at any time, even during the first year of initiation." With drawn.

The delegate for branch No. 561 moved: "That rule 90, clause 2, be altered to read: "That a member presenting his clearance to a branch be admitted to such branch (or if married, his wife) without further medical examination, thus tending to keep our members more within the fold of the H.A.C.B. Society." The above to apply only to the New Zealand District." With drawn.

The delegate for branch No. 400 moved: "That the sick funds of all branches throughout New Zealand be consolidated." Held over for a direct representative meeting.

Election of Officers.—The following officers for the ensuing term were elected: District president, Bro. E. J. Higgins; district vice-president, Bro. F. J. O'Meara; district secretary, Bro. W. Kane; district treasurer, Bro. M. J. Sheahan; auditors, Bros. J. B. R. Stead and F. J. O'Meara. The officers were installed by the past district president (Bro. Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook).

SYMPATHY.

If there is one person who deserves sympathy it is surely he who suffers from chronic colds. A sudden change in the weather or going out into the night air from a heated room, is quite enough to bring on the trouble. Usually the tendency to catch cold is due to a generally run-down condition, and the treatment should take the form of a tonic like BAXTER'S LUNG PRESERVER. It is pleasant to take, gives sure results, and is quite harmless; for children and adults you cannot find a better cough or cold remedy. 1/10 a bottle from all chemists and stores, or by post direct. J. BAXTER & CO.—CHRISTCHURCH

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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.

In presenting its balance sheet, the committee desire to point out that although there is a credit balance of £34 0s 4d shown, there still remains a liability of £100 owing to the bank, so that really there is a debit balance of £65 19s 8d.

The committee were faced with heavy expenditure in connection with the Brothers' house which has been thoroughly overhauled, painted, papered, etc., and electric light installed and partly refurnished. This work was undertaken at the beginning of the year at an actual expenditure of £298 18s 6d.

The current expenses have also increased, an additional Brother having been placed on the staff.

The very necessary work of cleaning and sweeping both schools has been well attended to by a reliable cleaning company, and this work does not fall on the children as formerly. Many useful additions have been made in both schools, school furniture supplied, and the buildings kept in good repair.

In order to meet the additional expenditure during the year, the committee organised a garden party, and two parish socials which proved very successful, the sum of £141 8s 6d being realised.

The committee are indebted to the members of the Christchurch Catholic Club for promoting a concert in aid of the funds, which realised £14. The penny collections have been very satisfactory, the result for the year being £322 5s 11d. To meet the balance still owing, a very successful garden party was held on January 20, 1917, which realised £202 6s 1d. The committee are very grateful to the ladies for valued assistance at all times, and for the patronage extended.

The committee are also indebted to the members of the H.A.C.B. Society (St. Matthew's and St. Patrick's branches) for the good work done by them and for the free use of their chairs, tables, etc., whenever required.

His Lordship the Bishop has taken a very deep interest in the work of the committee ever since his consecration, being chairman of the committee, and trustee.

His great experience in administrative and school work is invaluable, and the members are deeply indebted to his Lordship for the whole-hearted support he has accorded them.

It having been brought under the notice of his Lordship by the Committee, that the good Sisters teaching at St. Joseph's Parish School were receiving practically little or no school fees from the children, his Lordship has decided that the Sisters shall receive £150 per year in order to meet the deficiency.

As the present school buildings are very unsuitable, especially the parish girls' school, plans have been prepared for two new schools, which, when erected, will be in every way the most up to date and compact in the Dominion. Owing, however, to the unsettled state of the labor market and greatly enhanced cost of material, caused by the war, it is thought advisable to hold this work over for the present.

Whilst thanking all who have supported the committee in their various undertakings, it is hoped that the same help and encouragement will be forthcoming during the present year.

The committee consists of the following:—His Lordship Bishop Brodie (chairman), the Rev. Brother Director of the Marist Brothers' School, Messrs T. Cahill, W. Rodgers, M. Grimes, J. Power, J. Jacques, M. Garty, W. P. Daly, F. O'Connell, J. Cummings, J. Cunningham, J. J. O'Gorman, P. J. Amodeo (at present in camp), and P. A. O'Connell (secretary and treasurer). Works committee—Messrs W. Rodgers, T. Cahill, M. Grimes, and the secretary.

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