

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

July 23.

Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., has just completed a retreat to the inmates of Mount Magdala.

News has been received that Lieutenant C. Baker, who has for the past four months been in France, received a wound in the foot at the battle of Messines.

Amongst those leaving for Trentham Camp tonight (Monday) are Messrs. D. McNamara, G. Mahony, J. Donohue, and Ford Kingdon, members of St. Patrick's branch, H.A.C.B. Society.

Mrs. J. Gray, Dallington, an enthusiastic worker in St. Mary's parish, has received advice that her son, Leo, has been seriously wounded in France. He is a member of St. Mary's branch, H.A.C.B. Society.

Sunday, being the feast of St. Mary Magdalen, was celebrated at Mount Magdala with special solemnity. His Lordship the Bishop, attended by the Rev. Father Hanrahan, gave Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the afternoon.

The executive committee of the M.B.O.B. Association met on Sunday morning, after the 9.30 Mass, when two new members were elected. A letter was received from Mr. J. R. Hayward expressing appreciation of the condolence of the association forwarded him on the death of his father.

On Sunday morning at the 9.30 Mass his Lordship Dr. Brodie gave a very practical instruction on the various causes that lead to a loss of faith, laying particular stress on the great wrong of sending our children to non-Catholic schools, and the subtle influence exercised upon the minds by the reading of bad literature.

The first meeting of the newly appointed Cathedral Parish Committee of the Catholic Federation was held on Sunday. There was a fine attendance. The secretary (Mr. W. F. Hallins) reported that the enrolments for the new year numbered 700, and arrangements were made to have this work carried on at the Cathedral doors on each Sunday during the month of August.

At the Convent of the Sisters of N.D. des Missions, Lower High street, on Monday, July 16, his Lordship Bishop Brodie presided at the profession ceremony of ten Sisters. Among the clergy present were Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., and Rev. Father Long (master of ceremonies). His Lordship the Bishop preached a very impressive sermon. After the ceremony his Lordship and the clergy were entertained to luncheon.

In the fourth contest of the basket ball competition the B team of the Sacred Heart Girls' College played the Normal A team, suffering defeat by one goal, the scores being 6 to 5. The Normal B team which was to play the college A team gave the game to the latter by default. A very keenly contested match was played on the convent grounds on Saturday between the Star team of the Old Girls' Association (Mary Whelan captain), (Madge Allen, goal thrower), and the girls' of the "College Own" team (captain, Mary Campbell, goal thrower Ida Bradford). The result was a win for the Old Girls by 17 points to 11.

The match in last Saturday's Rugby senior contest between Merivale A and Marists resulted in a draw,

neither side scoring. The game from start to finish was considerably interesting and the spectators were for some time greatly excited. During the first spell Marists had much the better of the play, their backs on several occasions displaying some pretty passing, while the forwards were playing with plenty of dash. The second half opened with the Merivale forwards beating through in good style, and for some time the Greens were kept busy defending their line. However, from a free kick the Greens shifted play to the Merivale line, where from a scrum McCormack obtained possession, but was grassed just before reaching the line. The play from this out was confined chiefly to the forwards of both sides. The Green Backs were also defending with grim determination, and it was partly to their efforts that their opponents did not score.

There was an attendance of over 100 members at the last monthly meeting (July) of the Children of Mary, when there was a reception of new members and of aspirants. A procession consisting of those to be received into the sodality (11), aspirants (41), and present members, traversed the convent grounds, and afterwards assembled in the convent chapel, where the reception ceremony was conducted by his Lordship the Bishop, assisted by the spiritual director (Rev. Father T. Hanrahan). In the course of a brief address his Lordship the Bishop exhorted the new members to be true Children of Mary, and expressed the pleasure it was to him to receive so many aspirants to the sodality. The acts of consecration were read by Miss A. Shelley, and Miss E. Ives. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was then given, the choir of Sisters of the Mission rendering the incidental music. After the ceremony tea was served in the Sacred Heart Girls' College Schoolroom. His Lordship the Bishop again urged all present to be faithful to the sodality and endeavor to increase the membership to at least two hundred.

## THE SECOND DIVISION

I notice (writes a correspondent) that the Second Division League are making overtures to the Government with a view to obtaining as many concessions as possible for their wives and dependents before they leave New Zealand's shores for the trenches. Would it not be a fair demand for the Catholic members of the Second Division to ask that the Government pay the school fees that their husbands have paid for their children to have them educated at the Catholic schools? The wife of a non-Catholic and her family will have the full benefit of the allowance; but the wife of the Catholic soldier will have to pay a few shillings weekly out of her allowance for education that her non-Catholic sister has not to pay. Is the matter worth the attention of the Catholic Federation?

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