

Mr. W. F. Johnson moved the adoption of the report, and in an able and stirring manner spoke on the disabilities which Catholics were suffering in the matter of education. His speech was made most effective and convincing by the figures which he quoted being thrown on the screen by means of the lantern, operated by Father Hurley. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Mr. M. J. Reardon also supported the resolution, and said that the most important matter he considered the Federation should undertake was the education question. He was glad that steps were being taken to establish scholarships by the Federation, but he would be glad to see such scholarships awarded to the worthy children of poor parents, and especially country children, where the advantages of a good Catholic primary education could not be had, as in the case of the cities. He trusted also that Catholics would not educate their children simply for the purpose of securing a Government position, but to get their children to acquire learning for learning's sake. He instanced Ireland as a striking example of this.

Mr. J. J. L. Burke also briefly supported the motion, and pointed out the need for organisation, and urged every Catholic in the parish to join the Federation.

Brother Egbert (principal of the Marist Brothers' School, Newtown) also supported the motion; and in speaking of Catholic education laid stress on the fact that vocations for the Brotherhood were scarce, and the number of aspirants in the Novitiate in New South Wales, which supplied New Zealand with Brothers, was very small. How, then, were they to keep Catholic schools going if they could not get the men to teach? He appealed, therefore, to the fathers and mothers present to encourage their sons to join the Brotherhood. He (the speaker) had been a member of the Order for the past 25 years, and had enjoyed every moment of it. In conclusion, he wished St. Joseph's Parish Committee every success.

Father Hurley, in thanking those present for their attendance and patient hearing, congratulated the speakers on the views enunciated. He trusted that Brother Egbert's appeal would not go unrewarded, and urged his hearers to pray for vocations to the Brotherhood, so that a goodly supply of young men would be available to carry on the great and noble work of Catholic education.

The election of the committee was then proceeded with, and one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in the parish terminated in votes of thanks being tendered to Father Hurley and the retiring committee.

## OBITUARY

### SISTER M. ST. ANGELA (O'KEEFE), CHRIST CHURCH.

At the Convent of Mercy, Colombo Street, Christchurch, on June 17, there passed away, after a week's illness, Sister Angela O'Keefe, in her seventy-eighth year. The deceased nun was born in County Clare, Ireland, and entered the Convent of Mercy, Ennis, in her fifteenth year. After spending 23 years in that convent she came to Hokitika in company with nine other Sisters, two of whom predeceased her. Four years later a convent was opened in Greymouth, and she was one of the number chosen to found it, and she labored successfully there for 13 years, loved and revered by all who knew her. In 1895 she was removed to Christchurch, where she remained until her lamented death. On Wednesday, June 19, a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the deceased nun by his Lordship Bishop Brodie. Several of the clergy were in the Sanctuary. Representatives of the different Orders and a large number of the parishioners of St. Mary's assisted at the Mass to testify their respect for the deceased nun. The funeral took place immediately after the Mass, his Lordship the Bishop officiating at the graveside.—R.I.P.

## Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

July 1.

On the Feast of St. Aloysius the ceremony of First Communion took place in the convent chapel, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. A Missa Cantata was celebrated at eight o'clock by Father Galerne, S.M., who briefly addressed the little ones on the importance of the great act they were about to perform. In the afternoon the children renewed their Baptismal vows, the ceremony being followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Monday afternoon last (Feast of St. John the Baptist) the girls attending the primary school taught by the Nuns of the Sacred Heart, assembled in the school hall for the purpose of wishing Dean Tubman, S.M., a happy feast day. The proceedings opened with a small presentation and the reading of an address by one of the older girls, which expressed in the children's simple language their gratitude to the Dean for the many kindnesses received from him during the year, especially for the privilege of granting them a children's Benediction on the first Friday of each month; also their heartfelt wishes for a happy feast, and the hope that God would spare him for many years to come, to labor in their midst. Then followed an enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental items, choruses by the senior and junior pupils, and recitations by children of the different standards, all of which were exceptionally well given. At the conclusion of the programme the Dean expressed his pleasure at the excellent way the different items had been rendered, testifying to the careful training given by the teachers. He also heartily thanked the children for their good wishes and for the kindly thought that had prompted the gathering.

## Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

July 1.

The inmates of the Old People's Home at Awapuni were given a musical afternoon on last Wednesday week, under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. A very entertaining programme was arranged, and the inmates were provided with refreshments. The old people were delighted with the entertainment. Songs were contributed by Mrs. E. P. Nash, Mrs. E. J. Leydon, Mrs. Hall (of Shannon), Miss Brophy, and recitations were given by Mrs. Brown and Mr. C. O'Brien. Mrs. Leydon was accompanist. The matron (Nurse Kilgour) entertained the party (which included Father McManus) to afternoon tea, and expressed her appreciation of the fine spirit shown by members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in arranging these functions, which are so thoroughly enjoyed by the inmates of the home.

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