

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY,  
DUNEDIN**

**LADIES' CONFERENCES**

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the ladies' conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a representative attendance.

The annual report and balance sheet having been read, Rev. Father Coffey said it would be noticed that the church collection was less than last year, this being due to the fact that nothing had been received from South Dunedin, as they intended to form a local conference there. He did not think the amount received in subscriptions in the Cathedral parish was satisfactory, or representative of what might be collected in Dunedin if they had a more systematic and regular method of calling on people. This was a matter which should be taken into consideration by the committee. There were, no doubt, many young girls in the congregation, who, while not able to assist at the sewing meetings, could aid in collecting. The thanks of the members were due to Mr. W. Dawson, who had recently presented 10 pairs of blankets to the society, similar donations being made by him to the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage and the Little Sisters of the Poor (Anderson's Bay). The thanks of the congregation were due to the committee, and especially the acting-president (Mrs. Mowat), for the good work they had done during the year. By the death of Mrs. Kilmartin the society had lost a member who had taken a very active interest in its affairs for many years.

On the motion of Mrs. J. B. Callan, seconded by Rev. Father Corcoran, the report and balance sheet were adopted.

On the motion of the Rev. Father Coffey, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the office-bearers for their work during the past year.

The outgoing officers were re-elected as follow:—

Dunedin—President, Mrs. Jackson; vice-presidents, Mesdames Mowat and Swanson; treasurer, Mrs. Cantwell; secretary, Mrs. Hussey; wardrobe-keeper, Mrs. Stone.

North-East Valley—President, Mrs. Hungerford; secretary, Mrs. Rossbotham.

Kaikorai—President, Mrs. Cornish; secretary, Mrs. Hill.

The following is the annual report of St. Joseph's conference:—

The work for the year just ended again shows the need for our society in the town. We have conferences established in Central Dunedin, Kaikorai, and North-East Valley, and one is mooted for Dunedin South. Regular sewing meetings have been held and the usual work performed. The society was instrumental in having eight children baptised, two boys sent to Nelson Orphanage, one girl to the South Dunedin Orphanage, four women to Mount Magdala, one girl to friends in Melbourne, two girls to convalescent homes. The wardrobe-keeper has been busy distributing blankets, clothing, etc., and the sick visiting has been attended to. The thanks of the society are due to his Lordship Dr. Verdon and the clergy, Messrs. Callan and Gallaway, U.S.S. Company for concessions in fares, Mr. Cumming, and Mrs. Ansell, and other kind friends.

The following is the annual report of the North-East Valley conference:—Twenty-four meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of 12 members. The following is a summary of the work done: Cases relieved, 17; new garments given out, 92; old garments, 43; material given, 20 yards; one pair s.h. blankets, three orders for groceries given, 2½ tons of coal distributed. Visits to sick and poor made, 38. Seven parcels of s.h. clothing were received. The conference has a membership roll of 76. Subscriptions collected during the year, £18 12s 6d; paid into St. Joseph's branch, £12 7s 6d; cash in hand, £6 4s 6d.

**BALANCE SHEET.**

Receipts.	
To Balance in hand ... ..	£33 13 7
„ Subscriptions ... ..	28 17 9
„ Poor Box ... ..	3 18 0
„ Donations ... ..	3 4 0
„ Church Collection ... ..	48 18 7
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	£118 11 11
Expenses.	
By Groceries ... ..	£13 16 3
„ Coal ... ..	12 13 0
„ Drapery ... ..	22 6 4
„ Boots ... ..	7 4 5
„ Telephone (half year) ... ..	2 10 0
„ U.S.S. Company and train fares ... ..	10 8 6
„ Board ... ..	0 12 6
„ Sundries (cab hire, telegrams, printing, etc.) ... ..	7 16 3
„ Mount Magdala ... ..	5 0 6
„ Nourishment ... ..	1 10 0
„ Balance in hand ... ..	34 14 2
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**Ashburton**

Mr. D. McKendry, of Methven, was the victim of a very painful accident on Saturday last. In his endeavour to avoid a mob of cattle on the road, Mr. McKendry was thrown from his gig, and sustained a broken leg. He is now an inmate of a private hospital, and is doing as well as can be expected.

As a means of raising funds to help the various stalls at the forthcoming bazaar, progressive euchre tournaments have been conducted weekly in the Catholic boys' schoolroom. Apart from providing a pleasant evening's entertainment the gatherings are, from a financial standpoint, proving as successful as anticipated by the promoters.

Mr. H. McSherry, one of the oldest and highly certificated members of the local branch of the St. John Ambulance Society, gave a most interesting and instructive lecture to the members of the Catholic Young Men's Club on the benefits and the methods of rendering 'first aid.' The lecture was delivered in a masterly manner, and Mr. McSherry was the recipient of a well-deserved vote of thanks on the conclusion of his lecture.

The usual weekly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club was held on Tuesday evening last. Mr. M. J. Burgess (president) occupied the chair. After the transaction of routine business the programme for the evening—impromptu speeches—was proceeded with. Mr. W. Cunningham donated a prize for the winner. Mr. D. McDonald officiated as judge, and also selected the subjects for the competitors to speak on. Eight members entered for the competition, and the addresses certainly reflected the highest credit on the speakers. The judge's award placed Messrs. M. J. Burgess and M. J. Moriarty equal for the first prize. By agreement these two gentlemen drew for the prize, Mr. Burgess eventually winning. Votes of thanks to Mr. McDonnell, for the capable manner in which he judged the competition, and to Mr. W. Cunningham, for donating the prize, terminated the meeting.

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