

McKenney, J. W. Callaghan, and Rev. Father Hickson.

The general committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements for celebrating the elevation of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Shea to the Coadjutor-Archbishopric met last Wednesday evening for the purpose of considering the report of the special committee set up to submit a programme of what was proposed. The consecration will probably take place about the middle of August in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon. Mr. Martin Kennedy, K.S.G., was elected chairman of the committee.

The example of such a successful ladies' branch of the H.A.C.B. Society as the St. Mary's and the enthusiasm displayed by those members have had the effect of stirring up the ladies of Thorndon, particularly the Children of Mary, and at the invitation of the officers of that sodality, Mr. J. W. Callaghan and Rev. Father Hickson, Adm., were invited to the sodality's meeting on Thursday evening for the purpose of explaining the objects of the Hibernian Society. Mr. Callaghan gave a stirring address on Hibernianism, in which he explained that the ladies could either join the existing excellent branch, form another branch in Thorndon, or join the male branch. Rev. Father Hickson ably seconded Mr. Callaghan's address, and said he was glad to learn that the ladies, without any encouragement, had come forward to seriously think of the advantages of Hibernianism, which he commended to their earnest consideration in either of the three alternatives suggested by Mr. Callaghan. At the conclusion of the addresses the ladies present unanimously decided to join the Thorndon branch. Rev. Father Hickson and Mr. Callaghan were heartily thanked for their addresses. The decision arrived at by the Thorndon ladies will considerably augment the membership of the Thorndon branch.

A meeting of the Catholic Immigration Society was held at the presbytery, Patterson street, on Monday, June 23, at 8.30 p.m. Five members were present, who gladly welcomed Mr. Girling-Butcher and Mr. B. Ellis, of the Catholic Federation. At the invitation of Mrs. Reichel, Mr. Girling-Butcher took the chair. Mrs. Reichel then read an able introductory paper showing the urgent necessity of the work of the C.I.S., and referred to the anxiety for action shown by the late Rev. Father Venning in this matter. The chairman thanked Mrs. Reichel for her able paper and proposed that it be printed and circulated. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Ellis and carried. It was suggested that arrangements be made for the Brothers of St. Vincent de Paul to meet male immigrants, also to accompany the lady members to the boat when possible, especially on Sundays. The secretaries were instructed to draft introduction cards for members and immigrants, which the Federation would have printed. The chairman read communications from the Immigration Department to the Federation *re* boarding liners by the C.I.S. Instructions have been issued to allow two members to visit liners while in stream per health

officers' boat. A discussion followed *re* the housing (temporarily) of the immigrants, and the committee were urged to do their utmost to have a Catholic boarding house opened. The secretaries were instructed to write to the St. Vincent de Paul Council in Hobart and obtain their co-operation, also to write to the Catholic Women's League *re* the same matter. Mr. Girling-Butcher was elected president of the C.I.S., and Mr. B. Ellis was appointed to represent the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Miss Ada Wheeler and Mrs. C. Ellis were elected joint honorary secretaries. A vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Girling-Butcher and Ellis. The president replied, promising his zealous help in a work which he had very much at heart.

The quarterly meeting of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Monday evening. There was a very good attendance, over sixty members being present. The secretary (Sister G. O'Flaherty) reported on the great success of the recent social, and thanked all the members for their valuable assistance. A motion to secede from the N.Z. District, No. 3, was proposed by Sister G. O'Flaherty, and was unanimously carried after a very interesting discussion. Sister G. O'Flaherty, who has occupied the office of secretary with conspicuous ability and success for the past three and a-half years, tendered her resignation, and expressions of genuine regret were voiced by those present at the great loss the branch had sustained in losing Sister O'Flaherty's services as secretary. She joined the branch when the membership was well under twenty, and was immediately appointed secretary. By her enthusiasm and the assistance of her fellow-officers she to-day relinquishes the secretaryship to her successor (Sister E. Carmody), when the branch has a membership of 160. Sister O'Flaherty has accepted nomination for the office of president and has been returned unopposed. Three new members were initiated and four candidates proposed. The receipts of the evening totalled £25 1s 9d. The usual session of the Social Club of the branch was held at the conclusion of the meeting, and items were contributed by the following members:—Sisters M. Bell, M. Curtis, K. Jansen, M. Griffin, D. McGrath, and F. and G. O'Flaherty.

The motion to secede from the N.Z. District of the H.A.C.B. Society for the purpose of establishing a new district to be known as the Central N.Z. District was again brought forward by Bro. J. J. L. Burke at a special summoned meeting of St. Patrick's branch, which was held last evening, and, after an animated discussion, was carried by 64 votes to 24. As the voting for the motion exceeded the two-thirds majority required by Rule 37, the president declared the motion carried.

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The second social held by the H.A.C.B. Society took place in the schoolroom on Friday night, and was again largely attended.

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