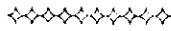


thumb-nail and your hair stops falling off; get an aluminum comb and prod your jaw with it and your deafness vanishes for ever and ever, amen. Notice I said aluminum? That's the latest American way. Probably an aluminium comb would not cure deafness for nuts.

Rumors of a bazaar to help to build a convent for the Dominican Nuns in the North-east Valley are in the air. Everybody says it is not too soon; and what everybody says must be right. The present residence is at least two thousand odd years out of date. The ruins of the Baths of Caracalla are luxurious compared with it. Whether rumor is false or true to her reputation, Dunedinites would hardly grudge giving a helping hand in such a good cause. The Dominican nuns have deserved well of the community for over fifty-three years, and not a man, woman or child could have the cheek to say that they have ever asked for anything that they did not earn a hundred times over. In fact so rarely do they appeal for outside help that only for the testimony of the school children and the music pupils a lot of people would forget that they are here at all.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

ST. PATRICK'S CONFERENCE, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

The annual general meeting of the St. Patrick's Conference will be held in the Catholic Schoolroom, South Dunedin, on Sunday, July 6, at 7.45 p.m., all active and honorary members, Ladies' Auxiliary, and all subscribers to the funds of the society are heartily invited to be present.

Report and statement of accounts in connection with the St. Patrick's Conference for year ending June 30, 1924:—

The executive in submitting its report and balance sheet for the past year would like to draw attention to the fact that the system laid down in the rules of the St. Vincent de Paul Society dealing with cases of distress has been found to work very satisfactorily in this district.

The number of active members on the roll is 32, 23 meetings being held during the year with an average attendance of 16, and the zeal and interest of the brothers were maintained throughout. Most important is the work of visiting the sick and needy, and we have to report that brothers in this conference have made 47 visits to homes, 24 to Boys' Probation Home, and 20 to the Benevolent Home. In every case they have the satisfaction of knowing their visits were productive of much good.

During the year we lost the valued services of Bro. M. McAllen, our president, and Bro. T. Power, who have both left this district.

Relief granted as per balance sheet shows that £57 10s 6½d was spent in groceries, £24 7s 3d in coal, 55 pairs of boots provided (£40 11s 1d), also drapery, stationery for some school children, medicine and sundries £17 2s 2d.

A special collection taken at the church doors enabled our conference to give a special Christmas treat to the children in the orphanage and to the boys in the Probation Home.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Society continued its valuable aid during the year, holding 18 sewing meetings with an average attendance of 6 members. They distributed 47 new and 65 second-hand articles, 2 parcels of clothing to the orphanage, and 1 parcel to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Nurse Boys reports having made 260 visits to homes in this district, and we express appreciation of her tact and attention in dealing with so many cases.

We desire to convey our thanks to his Lordship Bishop Whyte who re-organised the society, to the clergy for their assistance and advice, the executive of the Particular Council, Bro. A. Neill, our honorary solicitor, for invaluable services rendered, and to all those who have so generously helped our efforts during the past twelve months. The large sum (£173 5s 4½d) which we have spent in relief, irrespective of creed, would not have been met by the contributions of our subscribers were it not for the share (£60) of the Blakely Trust handed to this conference by the Particular Council, hence we appeal to the public to continue their generous help.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE TO JUNE 30, 1924.**

RECEIPTS.

1923.	£	s.	d.
July 15—Annual Collection ... ..	100	19	3
Dec. 9—Special Christmas Collection ... ..	23	16	1
1924.			
March 2—Particular Council (H.M. Blakely Trust) ... ..	60	0	
June 1—Donations ... ..	2	5	
June 30—Conference (secret collections) ... ..	17	9	
June 30—Interest ... ..	1	0	
	£205	10	6

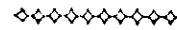
EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Groceries ... ..	57	10	6½
Boots ... ..	40	11	1
Coal ... ..	24	7	3
Drapery ... ..	13	16	7
Particular Council ... ..	31	4	0
Sundries—Milk, 12s 3d; meat, 10s; medicine, 16s 4d; Benevolent Home, 13s 4d; Boys' Probation Home, £1 12s; stationery, £1 12s ... ..	5	15	11
Cash in Bank as per bank book ... ..	32	0	1
Cash in Hand ... ..	0	5	0½
	£205	10	6

JAMES J. MARLOW, President.  
W. L. McEVOY, Hon. Sec.  
L. F. CASEY, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

Jno. H. A. McKEEFRY, A.C.A.N.Z., Regt. Acct.



**FORTY HOURS' ADORATION**

The observance of the Quarant' Ore in the various parishes of the diocese for the present year was commenced at the Sacred Heart Church, North-east Valley, on Friday (Feast of the Sacred Heart). There was Solemn High Mass at 9 o'clock, Father Spillane being celebrant; Father Monaghan, deacon; Rev. T. Hally subdeacon; and Rev. Father Kaveney, Adm., master of ceremonies. His Lordship the Bishop was present in the sanctuary, and at the conclusion of Mass officiated in the procession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. After devotions in the evening a sermon on the Blessed Sacrament was preached by Rev. Dr. H. O'Neill (Holy Cross College), followed by Benediction. Father Spillane celebrated a Missa Cantata on Saturday, and in the evening there was Benediction. The music of the Mass on Friday and Saturday was sung by the pupils of the Dominican Nuns' local school in a most devotional manner, their interpretation of the latin being perfect. On Sunday there was an early Mass followed by a Missa Cantata celebrated at 11 o'clock by Father Spillane. After devotions in the evening in the presence of a crowded congregation, a sermon on the Blessed Eucharist was preached by his Lordship the Bishop, who also officiated in the closing ceremonies which included procession and Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The parishioners attended in large numbers during the Forty Hours', and practically the whole congregation approached the Holy Table. The impressiveness of the early Mass on Sunday was enhanced by the members of St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's branches of the Hibernian Society, in regalia, as an annual custom, attending at the church and receiving Holy Communion. They were afterwards entertained to breakfast in the adjoining schoolroom by the Children of Mary. The chaste decorations of the high altar were due to the taste and devoted industry of Miss N. Murphy, and the result of her work in this direction won, as usual, the admiration of all who visited the church.

They that do alms and righteousness shall be filled with life; but they that sin are enemies to their own life.—St. Raphael.

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