

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY,  
AUCKLAND**

**HALF-YEARLY MEETING.**

The half-yearly report of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was handed to me recently by the genial secretary, Mr. M. Kelly (writes our Auckland correspondent). The report discloses a very satisfactory state of affairs, and incidentally the fact that a great amount of continuous and far reaching Christian work has been effectively and laudably carried out by this noble band of workers who deserve the highest commendation for the time and attention devoted to this duty. By their energy and zeal the society is fast spreading its Vincentian spirit throughout Auckland, and the half-yearly report speaks volumes for the valuable work done among the poor and afflicted. The Ladies' Conference in this particular has been an important and effective auxiliary in this splendid achievement. Our Lord has said that the poor you will always have with you, and these ladies have realised it in the true Christian spirit, and have worked early and late for God's glory and to relieve the sick, the suffering and distressed. The society's work is told in a few brief but memorable sentences. The inmates of the hospital, Costley Home, gaol and Blind Institute have been regularly visited once weekly, and Catholic literature distributed, besides cheering and hopeful words expressed; employment has been found for men out of work; passages have been paid for others who secured work in the country; visits have been made to the homes of the poor where death has entered, and the Holy Rosary recited; regular concerts have been given to brighten the lives of the aged in the Costley Home and other institutions, and various other works of charity are being continuously performed.

The receipts for the half-year are given in detail and make interesting reading. Balance in hand, £98 11s; received from poor boxes, £170 17s 7d; collections by members, £47 7s 9d; donations and subscriptions, £181 4s 10d; hon. members' subs, £4 11s; refunds, etc., £2 11s 2d. Total receipts, including balance in hand, amounted to £530 5s 6d.

The total expenditure for the half year was £381 11s 4d, disbursed as follows:—Kind, £214 9s 10d; board and lodging, £4 15s 6d; house rent, £25 18s; clothing and bed clothes, £41 18s 9d; fares and passages, £9 7s 8d; unclassified expenditure, £62 8s 4d; sundries, £4 13s 6d; annual levy, £17 19s 9d. The credit balance for the ensuing half year amounts to £148 14s 2d.

The half yearly statistics show active members, 83; cases, 115; persons relieved, 403; visits paid to poor in own home, 471; employment found for 4; passages paid for six; clothing and boots provided for 58; lodging and meals provided for, 88; books and other papers distributed, 1320; and visits to institutions, 333.

In addition to the above, 74 parcels of clothing were received and 372 articles of clothing and 24 pairs of boots were distributed; also several packages of clothing sent to poor families in the country; six were clothed and prepared to receive Holy Communion.

Such work deserves warm commendation and assistance of all the faithful. To help these noble band of workers to maintain and extend their efforts in the cause of God and for the benefit of humanity, is a work that should appeal to all.

"The kindly deeds of those are doubly blessed  
Who help the sick, suffering and oppressed."

**MUSIC EXAMINATIONS**

**CONVENT OF MERCY, GREYMOOUTH.**

On the 21st, 22nd and 23rd ult., Mr. J. Warriner, representative of Trinity College of Music, London, conducted the practical examination in the Convent of Mercy, Greymouth. Fifty pupils were presented by the Sisters, and all were successful. The following is the list of names and marks:—Licentiate piano (full certificate)—Borgia McSherry, 71. Associate Singing (practical work)—Mabel Warnes, 76. Associate Piano (practical work)—Bertha Adkins, 71. Higher Local Honors—Mildred Coburn (piano), 82; Kathleen Knell, 80. Senior Honors—Peggy Smith, 83;

Ethel Wallace (violin), 82; Nellie Williamson, 80. Senior Pass—Bessie Drake (singing), 77. Intermediate Honors—Mildred Coburn (violin), 82. Junior Honors—Mildred Coburn (singing), 83; Mollie Clayton, 80; Una Aldridge, 80. Junior Pass—Mona Hannan, 76; Henry Davies (violin), 75; Sheila Heslin, 73; May Doherty, 73; Walter Larsen (violin), 72; Norman McKnight (violin), 72; Cecily Hudd, 68. Preparatory Honors—Kathleen Shannahan, 89; Bileen Sweetman, 83; George Hunter (violin), 83; Philip Warnes (violin), 82; Noelle Dunford, 82; Charles Wise (violin), 81; James Williamson (violin), 81; Willie Ritchie (violin), 80; Cornelius Warren (violin), 80. Preparatory Pass—Violet Mayne, 77; Margaret McDonnell, 77; Jack Pattinson (violin), 75; Freda Collogan, 73; Ivy Carey (violin), 72. First Steps—Maureen Rose, 84; Marjorie Egden, 82; Martha Shannon, 81; Aileen Preston, 81; Keith Fleming (violin), 80; Willie Murphy (violin), 80; Lindsay Abbie (violin), 80; Desmond Fogarty (violin), 80; Cecil Hannan, 80; Maureen Beban, 80; Mary Gillies, 80; Euphemia Dargan, 79; Clarice Armstrong, 76; Esma Whyte (violin), 76; Valentine Armstrong (violin), 73; Mary Boddy, 73.

**Obituary**

**MRS. JOHANNA RYAN, PONGAROA.**

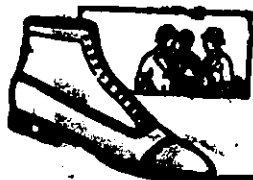
There passed away at Rawhiti Street (Private) Hospital, Dannevirke, on July 29, Johanna, wife of Mr. J. Ryan, Pongaroa, Hawke's Bay. Deceased had been in indifferent health for some time, and underwent an operation which proved fatal. Born in Solohead, Co. Tipperary, Ireland, she journeyed to New Zealand with her husband and settled in Akaroa some 40 years ago and later resided at Pongaroa. An exemplary Catholic, of a genial and hospitable disposition, she won her way into the hearts of those with whom she came in contact. She passed away very peacefully, Rev. Fathers Guinane and Kelly, and members of her family at her bedside. Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Guinane. The deceased leaves a husband, four sons—Messrs. Timothy, Martin, Patrick, and Kevin Ryan—and six daughters—Mrs. D. Perrott and Mrs. B. Smith (Auckland), Mrs. I. G. Smith and Mrs. J. P. Rea (Wellington), Mrs. M. J. Lyons (Dargaville), and Miss Joan Ryan, who have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.—R.I.P.

**MR. W. J. BASKIVILLE, HASTINGS.**

The many friends of Mr. Walter Joseph Baskiville, will regret to hear of his death on the 11th ult., at Hastings (writes a correspondent). The deceased, who was 67 years of age, was born at Panmure, Auckland. He joined the armed constabulary and served in the Maori War, and later entered the Police Force. He was stationed at Wellington, Port Ahuriri, and Waipukurau, and was then promoted to Sergeant and stationed in Dunedin and Devonport, retiring on superannuation after 30 years of loyal service. On his retirement he came to the Hastings district where some of his family lived. He is survived by his widow and three daughters (Mrs. W. F. Wellwood, Mrs. E. J. Hulbert, and Miss Gladys Baskiville), and two sons (Messrs. Jack and Joseph Baskiville) all of this district. The late Mr. Baskiville was a kindly, straight-forward, and genial man who always looked for the good in his fellows. A good Catholic, a staunch Irishman, and a loyal friend were his outstanding characteristics, and although he had reached an advanced age his sudden death cast a gloom over a host of friends who had hoped to enjoy the felicity of his acquaintance for many more years. A Requiem Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, the 13th ult., and the funeral, which took place in the afternoon, was very largely attended and representative of all classes of the community.—R.I.P.

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