

been appointed the Parliamentary representative of the *Tablet*, and that the privilege had proved to be of great service during the Bible-in-schools campaign. During the time that this matter was before Parliament, his services had been placed entirely at the disposal of Bishop Cleary. The work of the Immigration Committee had always been done by the head office, and the labor and accommodation bureau had been well attended to.

Inquiries as to the control of the organiser's tours, notice of visits to parishes, immigration work, Trentham camp, and other matters in which the secretary has been concerned, were made and replied to.

The report was adopted.

BALANCE SHEET.

The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Dominion treasurer, read the balance sheet for the half-year ended January 15, 1915, and which was as follows:—

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance carried forward	...	...	...	306	3	2
Subscriptions—						
Wellington	...	...	...	49	17	1
Dunedin	...	...	...	92	15	2
				142	12	3
Special Donations, Chaplains' Outfit for Chaplains appointed to New Zealand Expeditionary Forces—						
Auckland	...	...	...	20	0	0
Wellington	...	...	...	12	0	0
Christchurch	...	...	...	20	0	0
				52	0	0
Donation from Mr. M. Segrief, Wellington	...	...	...	2	2	0
				£502	17	5

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Printing Account <i>N.Z. Tablet</i>				34	19	0
Salaries—						
Organiser	...	...	...	100	0	0
Office Assistant	...	...	...	25	0	0
				125	0	0
Chaplains' Outfit	...	...	...	34	5	0
Bonus to Hon. Assistant Secretary	...	...	...	10	0	0
Expenses, Bible-in-Schools Demonstration	...	...	...	20	1	0
Office Expenditure -						
Balance, Typewriter and Duplicator	...	...	...	24	6	0
Stationery	...	...	...	2	10	7
Subscription to Telephone	...	...	...	3	15	9
Extra Clerical Assistance	...	...	...	2	0	0
Postage and Telegrams	...	...	...	17	3	4
Cleaning	...	...	...	3	3	6
Lighting	...	...	...	1	19	0
Sundries	...	...	...	9	2	6
				64	0	8
Travelling Expenses—						
Organiser	...	...	...	12	5	0
Delegates—Christchurch, £7 4s 6d; Dunedin, £24 14s	...	...	...	31	18	6
				44	3	6
Credit Balance—						
Current Account, Bank of New Zealand	...	...	...	35	12	0
Post Office Saving Bank	...	...	...	50	0	0
In hands of Treasurer	...	...	...	84	16	3
				170	8	3
				£502	17	5

The president said that the balance sheet was entirely satisfactory, and moved that it be adopted.

Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion.

Mr. Lynch asked for information *re* chaplains' outfits, and wished to know what was to be done with the surplus of the fund subscribed for that purpose.

Rev. Father Hurley explained that it was likely that further chaplains would be required, and that the

balance of the fund would be used for their equipment.

The balance sheet was adopted.

REMITTS FROM DIOCESAN COUNCILS.

Mr. McLaughlin, in bringing a remit by the Auckland Diocesan Council, with reference to a building at Trentham Camp, under the notice of the delegates, said that the Auckland delegates had been given authority to act in any way that might commend itself to the Council. He asked for particulars as to the cost of a suitable building.

Rev. Father Daly said that the estimated cost of the building considered necessary was £150. At present matters at the camp were in an unsatisfactory condition. No provision exists for the priest to hear confessions, or for Mass on week days. The building proposed could be used at other times as a social hall for the use of the men—a want that was severely felt at present. He trusted that the Council would regard this matter as one of urgency, as men were being sent away at present without the possibility of their spiritual needs receiving attention.

The president agreed that a building was absolutely necessary, and suggested that the question should be referred to the Diocesan Councils, and subscriptions invited.

Mr. Lynch hoped that the matter would be gone into thoroughly, and gave instances where men, after going to confession, had no opportunity of receiving Holy Communion. He hoped that the Council would do something without delay, and felt sure that no difficulty need be anticipated about raising the required amount.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Very Rev. Dean Darby—That each diocese be requested to contribute £40, and that the Executive be instructed to proceed at once with the erection of the building.

The discussion on a remit from Auckland, *re* expenses incurred in connection with the Bible-in-schools movement, was of a most protracted nature, every member of the Council taking part. Eventually both the motion and an amendment thereto were rejected, and the matter was left over for future consideration.

A remit from the Auckland Diocesan Executive, having reference to the payment of delegates' expenses to Diocesan Council meetings, was referred to the Diocesan Councils for consideration.

Dunedin Diocesan Council and Orphan and Indigent Children.

The president reported that in Dunedin arrangements had been made with the Education Department by which all homes in which these children were being brought up had to receive the approval of Very Rev. Father Coffey, and that the necessity for some such arrangement had been made apparent quite recently.

It was also stated that in Dunedin the Department had appointed an official visitor to these homes who was paid a salary for that duty.

The president suggested that if so similar arrangements be made in other centres of the Dominion.

The secretary referred to correspondence between the Education Department and the Federation with respect to this matter, showing that the Department agreed to commit Catholic children to homes approved by the Federation.

The president expressed the hope that Diocesan Councils would give this matter serious attention, and moved that Very Rev. Father Coffey be written to for particulars of the arrangements in force in Dunedin.

Rev. Father Daly seconded the motion, which was carried.

School Committees.

Mr. Hayward felt sure that it was necessary to see that some Catholics should be elected to these positions, especially in the country districts. Instances had occurred where Catholics had experienced difficulty in obtaining the use of the school-rooms, although it was freely granted to others.

Mr. Lynch was sure that if one or two Catholics were on these committees much good would be done.