

It was resolved on the motion of Rev. Father Daly, that the Dominion Executive bring the request under the notice of the hierarchy.

That financial members who remove from one parish to another inform the parish secretary of the address to which they are about to remove, and the secretary will, on receipt of such information, notify the secretary of the committee in that parish.

Mr. Lynch thought that some such course was necessary, and moved that it be agreed to. Rev. Father Daly seconded. The president pointed out that provision already existed for such cases, but it would do no harm to direct attention to the matter. The motion was carried.

Under the heading, 'General Business,' it was resolved, on the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, that the subscriptions of members absent on active service be remitted during their absence from the Dominion.

Prizes to School Children for Essays on the Subject of the Federation.

The president suggested that the diocesan councils and parish committees should deal with this matter, and moved that it be referred to them accordingly. This course was agreed to.

Immigration.

The president suggested that the Dominion Executive should make inquiries as to the best means of settling immigrants from Belgium and other Catholic countries on the lands of this Dominion, and to report to the annual meeting.

Mr. Lynch stated that Australia had already moved in this direction, but found that the Belgian Government was averse to the emigration of its people. It was resolved, on the motion of the president, that the executive be directed to inquire and report upon the matter.

Membership.

The president read a statement showing the total membership of the Federation to be 21,595. He was sure that every member would be pleased with the progress made by the Federation during the past year, and moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Dominion Executive for its services. This was carried with acclamation.

Mr. McLaughlin suggested that the Dominion Executive prepare a list of the principal disabilities under which Catholics were laboring in New Zealand, and show what steps had been taken by the Federation to counteract those evils. The chief matters he referred to were the educational disabilities under which the Catholic people were compelled to suffer, such as the free-places, children travelling to school on the railways, and other matters. He moved that the executive be directed accordingly.

Mr. Hayward thought the idea an excellent one, and seconded the motion, which was carried.

On the motion of Very Rev. Dean Power, a vote of thanks to the president for his services in the chair was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Poppelwell briefly replied, and expressed his thanks to the members for the assistance they had given him in the conduct of the business.

The council adjourned at 8.45 p.m.

Mr. W. F. Johnson, hon. secretary of the Wellington Diocesan Council, acted in the capacity of minute secretary for the full day's proceedings. The secretary and organiser, who was present, but in the opening stages of influenza on that day, desires to acknowledge with many thanks the marked ability with which Mr. Johnson carried out the work.

WELLINGTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the executive committee was held at the office of the Federation, Cuba street, Wellington, on March 3, when there were present—Rev. Father Daly (chairman), and Messrs. Parsonage, Crombie, Corry, Seivers, and the secretary. The Very Rev. Dean McKenna, V.G., and Mr. Ellis sent apologies for non-attendance. The Rev. Father J. H. Herring sent in his resignation, on account of his removal from the city, and Mr. R. P. Smyth (secretary of the Thorndon parish committee) was elected to the vacancy for the remainder of the term. A letter was received from the Catholic Immigration Committee, detailing the steps proposed to be taken with reference to the establishment of a girls' hostel, and asking the council to assist. Several members spoke as to the necessity for such an institution, and it was decided that the secretary be instructed to express the committee's approval of the proposal of the C.I.C.

A letter was received from the general secretary, stating that the Dominion Council, being aware of the necessity of a building for the use of the Catholics at Trentham Camp, had requested each Diocesan Council to contribute the sum of £40 for that purpose. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Seivers, that a sum of £15 be given, in addition to the £25 voted at the half-yearly meeting, and that the arrangements for the supply of stationery, literature, etc., be left in the hands of Rev. Father Daly and the secretary. The question of the payment of delegates' expenses to the Diocesan Council meetings, referred to the executive by the half-yearly meeting, was held over. It was decided that all applications for the use of the marquee for military purposes be referred to the Very Rev. Dean McKenna, V.G., who is responsible for the arrangements for Catholic chaplains at territorial training camps in the Wellington military district.

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