

from among those present were elected to represent the congregation on the branch committee:—Mrs. M. O'Leary, Mrs. H. Wilson, Miss B. M. Sloan, Mr. G. Getson, Mr. J. Dunn, and Mr. J. Courtney. The various Church societies were invited to supply the names of two representatives each, and a sub-committee to act with the new branch will be formed at Halswell.

A new branch of the Federation has been formed at Makikihi, in the Waimate parish, and members of the Diocesan Council executive are to visit Little River on Sunday, March 14, to establish a branch there.

AUCKLAND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the literature committee of the Auckland Diocesan Council was held in the Federation's office, Auckland, on March 3. There were present—Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., Misses Callan and Jacobsen, and Mr. F. G. J. Temm. Monsignor Brodie presided in the absence of the president (Rev. Father Doyle), who, owing to an urgent engagement, was prevented from being present. An apology for absence was also received from Mr. L. O'Malley. The secretary (Miss Callan) reported that, in accordance with the resolution carried at the last meeting, she had circularised several members of the clergy with regard to the equipping of a Catholic reference library in the Federation office. Monsignor Brodie reported that he had now a number of books for the purpose. Very Rev. Dean Mahoney (Onehunga) advised the committee that he would be pleased to assist in the direction desired, and that he would forward a number of books through the president of the Diocesan Council. Very Rev. Father Buckley (Opaehuhu) wrote to the effect that he had forwarded a number of books to the Cathedral presbytery. Mr. Temm reported that, in accordance with the wish of the committee at the last meeting, he had investigated the complaint received with regard to a very objectionable publication, and he found the position was as stated. The matter was discussed, and it was decided that the committee should take action. Monsignor Brodie suggested that before going further with the matter, the committee should communicate with Mr. J. A. Scott, editor of the *N.Z. Tablet*, and put the case before him, as that gentleman would be in the best position to advise as to whether anything could be done, and the proper course to take. It was decided to adopt the course suggested.

Miss Callan tendered her resignation as secretary to the committee, owing to her approaching departure from Auckland. She regretted having to sever her connection with the committee, but expressed the hope that she would possibly be able to further the interests and aims of the organisation in the future. Monsignor Brodie said Miss Callan's resignation would be received with very great regret, and her place would be difficult to fill. Her departure from Auckland was a great loss to the Catholic Federation, in which she always took such a great and active interest, and to the Literature Committee in particular. He thanked Miss Callan for her past services and wished her every blessing in the future. Miss Jacobsen also voiced her regret at the departure of Miss Callan, and said that what was Auckland's loss would certainly be the gain of Hawke's Bay.

It was decided that the appointment of secretary, as successor to Miss Callan, should stand over till the next meeting, Mr. Temm agreeing to act in that capacity in the meantime.

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DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 8.

The many friends of the Rev. Father O'Boyle will be pleased to learn that he has so far recovered from his recent serious illness as to be able, on last Sunday, to celebrate Mass in the chapel of Lewisham Hospital.

A wireless message was received at the episcopal residence from the Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., on board the *Moeraki* on the voyage to Sydney, stating that his Lordship the Bishop was keeping well. On arrival at their destination a cable message was sent, conveying the same pleasing intelligence.

Tickets for the national entertainment, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, are being freely disposed of, and it is expected the accommodation of the Coliseum, capacious though it is, will be fully occupied on the evening of March 17. An excellent programme is promised, whilst the object to be benefited by the proceeds—the providing of free beds at Lewisham Hospital for those unable to pay—is a most worthy one. The dual motives of patriotism and charity will certainly, on this occasion as in the past, appeal to large numbers of the citizens.

Christchurch North

March 8.

The Rev. Father Edge (Huntly) was a guest at St. Mary's Presbytery last week. On Tuesday evening he attended the weekly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and gave a very interesting address on the social conditions of Huntly before and after the recent disaster.

The members of the Catholic Girls' Club are making most commendable efforts to justify the object for which the club was started. Larger and more commodious rooms have been secured in Cranmer square, and already quite a number of Catholic girls have taken up residence there.

COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended March 9, as follows:—Rabbitskins.—We held our sale on Monday, the 8th inst., and offered a fair catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Prime skins were from a 1/2d to 3/4d per lb easier, while medium lots were unchanged. Prime winter does, to 16d; second winter does, to 14 1/2d; outgoing, to 11 1/2d; first winter bucks, to 14d; second winter bucks, to 13d; outgoing winter bucks, to 10 1/2d; autumns, to 10d; summers, to 7d; springs, to 9 1/2d; racks, 6 1/2d to 7d; blacks, to 3 1/2d; horsehair, to 20d per lb. Sheepskins.—We held our fortnightly sale on the 9th inst. and offered a full catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was keen, and prices were firm. Quotations: Best halfbred, 10 1/2d to 11 1/2d; medium, 9 1/2d to 10d; inferior, 8 1/2d to 9d; best fine crossbred, to 10 1/2d; best coarse crossbred, to 10 1/2d; medium to good, 9 1/2d to 10d; inferior, 8 1/2d to 9d; best merino, to 8d; medium, 6d to 7 1/2d; lambskins, to 9 1/2d per lb. Hides.—Our next sale will be held on the 11th inst. Tallow and Fat.—Best tallow in tins, to 22s 9d; medium to good, 18s 6d to 20s; inferior, 17s to 17s 6d; rough fat, good from 15s to 17s 6d, inferior 10s to 13s. Oats.—The market last week was a little erratic, but during the last few days prices are firm again at quotations, more especially for prime milling samples. Prime milling, 4s 1d to 4s 2d; good to best feed, 3s 1d to 4s per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—Very few samples have been coming to hand as threshing has not yet become general. Prices now ruling are about 7s for prime quality. Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf, £6 to £6 2s 6d; black oaten, to £6 5s; medium to good, £5 5s to £5 15s; best new chaff, £5 10s to £5 12s 6d per ton (sacks extra). Potatoes.—Supplies are coming to hand freely and the market is easier than last week. Best tables, £5 15s to £6; medium, £4 10s to £5 7s 6d per ton (sacks in).