

CATHOLIC FEDERATION

CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

(From our own correspondent.)

April 19.

Mr. G. Girling-Butcher, general secretary and organiser of the Catholic Federation, arrived in Christchurch on last Tuesday evening after a successful organising and lecturing tour of Westland, and every day since he has been kept busily employed. On Wednesday afternoon he visited the Addington Catholic School, and addressed the children. In the evening, attended by Mr. J. R. Hayward (vice-president of the Diocesan Council), he addressed a crowded audience at the same place. On Thursday afternoon, Mr. Girling-Butcher addressed the children at the Catholic school, Woolston, and in the evening, attended by the diocesan secretary, he addressed a meeting at Woolston, and reformed the sub-committee. This was rendered necessary, owing to the removal of several former members. This local committee, which promises to be an excellent one, consists of Mesdames Garlick, Kennedy, and J. Gilmour, Messrs. McBrearty, Kennedy, and J. Gilmour. It is to meet after Mass on next Sunday week to elect a secretary and two representatives on the Cathedral branch committee. On Friday morning Mr. Butcher addressed the students of St. Bede's College, and in the afternoon gave addresses at the Marist Brothers' School, at the Sacred Heart College (Sisters of the Missions), and St. Joseph's (girls') School of the Cathedral parish. On Saturday evening Mr. Girling-Butcher attended a special meeting of the Diocesan Council executive committee. He addressed the congregation at St. Joseph's Church, Papanui, after Mass on Sunday. To-day (Monday) he speaks at the various schools of St. Mary's parish. Owing to the solemn ceremonies in connection with the Month's Mind of the late Bishop Grimes, no meetings are fixed for Tuesday. His engagements for the immediate future are as follow:—On Wednesday he goes to the Hawarden parochial district, speaking at Amberley on Thursday, April 22, and at Hawarden on Friday. On Saturday, April 24, he goes to the Rangiora parochial district, speaking after Mass on Sunday the 25th at Oxford, and at Rangiora after devotions in the evening, also giving the people of Loburn and Kaiapoi an opportunity of learning about Catholic Federation. Mr. Girling-Butcher goes to Darfield on Monday, April 26, and will be engaged in that large district during the week. He is due to address the congregation of St. Mary's, Manchester street, after Vespers on Sunday, May 2. By then it is hoped arrangements will be complete for touring South Canterbury, taking in Methven, Rakaia, and other centres on the way.

A special meeting of the executive committee of the Diocesan Council was held on last Saturday evening in the Federation rooms, Wiltshire Buildings, when matters of urgent interest were discussed, and arrange-

ments advanced for Mr. Girling-Butcher's lecturing tour of Canterbury. It was decided to adopt the suggestion of the Dominion Executive to ask all branches to offer prizes to Catholic schools for the best essays on the 'Aims and objects of the Federation,' with the addition that Catholic children, where no Catholic school exists, should also be allowed to compete.

CATHEDRAL PARISH COMMITTEE.

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The ordinary monthly meeting of the Cathedral Parish Committee was held on last Monday evening in the Federation rooms, Wiltshire Buildings. Mr. G. C. Hayward (vice-president) presided. Mr. E. L. McKeon, the newly appointed representative of the M.B.O.B. Association, was cordially welcomed by the chairman. The secretary reported that there were several vacancies on the committee, consequent on the non-attendance at the stipulated consecutive number of meetings of representatives of societies. As there would be only one more meeting before the annual one in June, it was decided to take no present action in the matter. A sum of £1 was voted from the branch funds as a donation to the building fund of the Catholic church and social hall at the Trentham camp. It was decided to give prizes to all the Catholic schools of the Cathedral parish for the best essays on the aims and objects of Catholic Federation, and to ask Mr. G. Girling-Butcher to act as adjudicator. A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. J. Finerty (a member of the committee) on the death of his wife.

Many persuade themselves that they have no true sorrow for their sins if they do not practise many and great corporal austerities. Let us learn, nevertheless, that he does a good penance who studies to please God alone, at all times and in all things. This is a very perfect thing and of great merit.—St. Francis de Sales.

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