

CATHOLIC FEDERATION

DOMINION EXECUTIVE.

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

The Dominion Executive met under the presidency of Mr. J. J. L. Burke at the Board rooms, St. Patrick's Hall, last Wednesday. The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm. (Dominion treasurer), Messrs. Reichel, Ellis, Hoskins, Fouhy, Johnson, Walsh, and Girling-Butcher were present. It was decided to send the organiser to Hastings and Napier before the Diocesan Council meeting. The people have not been responding to the appeal for subscriptions towards liquidating the expenditure on the erection of a Catholic hall at Trentham as the executive expected they would. This is to be regretted, considering the object of the hall, which is greatly appreciated by our soldier co-religionists. It is to be hoped, therefore, that Catholics will not be behind other denominations in attending to the spiritual and social welfare of our men in camp. The Dominion treasurer will be pleased to receive and acknowledge any subscriptions forwarded to him for this purpose. The Rev. Father Daly, camp chaplain, in whose charge the hall is, will be grateful for supplies of suitable current magazines and literature for the men.

LINCOLN.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Sunday, May 30, Mr. G. Girling-Butcher, general secretary and organiser of the Catholic Federation, addressed the parishioners in the schoolroom after the 11 o'clock Mass. The Rev. Father Bridgewood presided over a fair attendance, considering the boisterous weather. The speaker dwelt at considerable length on the aims and objects of the Federation, and made a stirring appeal to all to join the ranks. His address was a very instructive and interesting one, many of his hearers being surprised at the detailed account given of the work done by the Immigration Committee of the Federation. A very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Girling-Butcher was moved by Mr. M. F. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Jas. Cunneen, and carried by acclamation.

CATHEDRAL PARISH COMMITTEE.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The annual meeting of the Cathedral members of the Catholic Federation was held on last Wednesday evening in the Marist Brothers' Schoolroom, when the six representatives of the parish for the branch committee were elected. The annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The report stated that ten ordinary meetings were held during the year. Four representatives of societies forfeited office through non-attendance at the stipulated number of successive meetings, and two voluntary resignations were received, all the positions being subsequently filled. Reference was made to the activities of the branch committee during the year. These included the successful suppression of objectionable anti-Catholic literature by libraries, the adoption of a block system of canvassing, which was applicable to the enrolling of members, the placing of Catholic voters on the parliamentary and municipal rolls, uniformity of action in connection with the parliamentary and municipal elections, the election of a Catholic representative on the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, attendance at the juvenile court and the payment of costs for conveying Catholic children to the orphanages, the securing of desirable persons willing to take charge of Catholic children in their homes from the State institution, etc. Reference was also made to a visit by Captain-Chaplain McMenamin, and the provision made for our Catholic men then in camp here: the donation of monetary assistance to the chaplains' outfit fund and Trentham Camp institute fund, and for prizes to the parish schools for essay-writing on the

aims and objects of the Federation. Recognition was made of the valuable services of Mr. Girling-Butcher in the cause of Catholic Federation generally, and of his meeting and address in the interests of the Cathedral branch. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., and the Cathedral clergy were cordially thanked for their interest in the work of the parish committee. The new committee will meet on Wednesday, June 23, when it is anticipated the representatives of societies to the committee will have been appointed, and the election of officers will take place.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

OTAGO CASUALTIES.

The following Catholic members of the Otago Battalion of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces were killed in action at the Dardanelles early last month:—Sergeant-Major Timothy Joseph B. Laffey (Mr. J. Laffey, Invercargill).

Private Joseph John Gorman (Mrs. Mary Gorman, Alma, mother).

Lance-Corporal James Hand (Mr. H. Hand, Queen street, Milton, father).

Private Josiah James Salter (Mrs. R. B. Dyer, Mornington, sister).

Private Peter O'Connor (Mr. A. O'Connor, Otatara, Invercargill, father).

Private J. L. Wildermoth (Mr. Michael Wildermoth, Braddon street, Christchurch).

Private James Carr (Mr. Thomas Carr, Kilgarvin, County Kerry).

Private Joseph Wendell Boreham, was a son of Mr. Stephen Boreham, late of Oamaru, and well known in Dunedin. The deceased, who was an ardent footballer, was educated at St. Patrick's School, South Dunedin, and at the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin.

The following have been reported missing:—

Private Ambrose Alphonse Falconer, son of Mr. Thomas Falconer, of Oamaru, and a brother of Rev. Father Falconer, South Dunedin. He is a native of Oamaru, and 27 years of age. He received his primary education at St. Joseph's School, and then went to the Waitaki High School. He afterwards came to Dunedin, where he was prominent in football, playing for the Pirates Club and representing Otago on several occasions. On his return to Oamaru he joined his father in business, and became a member of the Old Boys' Football Club, playing for North Otago in representative matches. He was one of the early volunteers for service, and left with the Main Expeditionary Force in the 10th (North Otago) Company of the Otago Battalion.

Bugler Martin O'Brien is the only son of Mr. J. A. O'Brien, merchant tailor, Dowling street, Dunedin. He was only 17½ years of age when he joined the main force, and went into camp at Tahuna Park. He attended the Christian Brothers' School, and while there attained more than an average reputation as an athlete, winning a number of the school championships. He was a sergeant in the Senior Cadets, but owing to his height and all-round sturdy build he was transferred to the B Battery. He had only been with the battery three weeks when he enlisted with the main force. He was an active member of the Pacific Harriers.

Private John Joseph Rowan was educated at the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin, and was in the employment of the N.Z. Express Company when he enlisted. He is a member of St. Joseph's Men's Club and of the Dunedin branch of the Hibernian Society, and at one time was an active member of St. Joseph's Harriers.

Private John Fitzpatrick (Mrs. T. Fitzpatrick, South Dunedin, mother).

Private Thomas Anthony Maloney (Mr. John Maloney, Galway, father).

Private Robert John Sullivan (Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Ellis street, Dunedin, father).