

Rotorua

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A meeting was held on the evening of July 24 in Sloane's Hall, Rotorua, for the purpose of taking steps to start a Catholic Club. There was a representative attendance, among those present being the Very Rev. Dean Lighthouse and Rev. Father Schoonhof. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from several parishioners, all of whom expressed their approval of the proposal. Very Rev. Dean Lighthouse was voted to the chair.

After some preliminary remarks by Mr. D. Power, who explained the aims and objects of a Catholic Club, it was decided on the motion of Mr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. T. J. Sloane, that a Catholic Club be started in Rotorua, and that it be named St. Michael's.

The election of officers then took place, and resulted as follows:—Patrons, Very Rev. Dean Lighthouse and Rev. Father Schoonhof; president, Mr. T. Fitzgerald; vice-president, Mr. J. Sullivan; secretary, Mr. Rowland Thompson; treasurer, Very Rev. Dean Lighthouse; committee—Messrs. O'Dwyer, Cann, Slade, Geany, and Young, with power to add to their number.

At the conclusion of the election Dean Lighthouse vacated the chair, which was taken by the president (Mr. T. Fitzgerald), who congratulated those present on the formation of the club, and suggested the ad-

visability of discussing ways and means. After some remarks with regard to finances, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Slade, that a subscription be taken up at the meeting for the purpose of starting the club on a sound financial basis. This was readily responded to, and a sum of £10 18s 6d was received. It was stated that many who could not attend had intimated their intention of subscribing, so that the venture might not be hampered for want of funds. The secretary was instructed to write to St. Benedict's Club, Auckland, for a copy of the rules and other information which might prove useful in the running of the club. It was decided to hold another meeting, on July 31. The proceedings terminated with votes of thanks to the patrons and the president.

The two petitions which were circulated here recently, were signed by a large number of persons, whilst the enrolment of members of the Catholic Federation was most successful.

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