

£3 3s, and that after 1st January next the subscription for each child under 16 be 6d. The annual subscriptions for adults and children to be collected on enrolment, and thereafter on the first of January in each year.

In connection with this motion Mr. Hayward thought the allocation should be reconsidered. He said the Diocesan Council of Christchurch could not finance that body at 2d a member.

Rev. Father Coffey said the rules could be amended later on after some experience of the working of the Federation had been obtained.—Carried.

Rev. Father Edge moved, and Mr. McLaughlin seconded, that another clause (c) be inserted in Rule 11, that 'The Parish Committee shall forward to the Diocesan Council 10 per cent. of the net proceeds of socials, lectures, etc., held under the auspices of the N.Z. Catholic Federation, and also 10 per cent. of any bequests made to such committee.'

This evoked considerable discussion, and finally Rev. Father Coffey moved, and Mr Poppelwell seconded, that 'Parish Committees may retain all sums raised by them other than by subscriptions.'

On the amendment being put it was carried, and the motion lost.

Mr. Hayward then moved that seven-tenths be the amount forwarded to the Dominion Council for next year's subscription by Diocesan Councils. The chairman seconded this *pro forma* in order to allow of discussion. Rev. Father Edge suggested that matters remain as at present. Rev. Father Coffey supported Rev. Father Edge. After discussion, the motion was eventually carried.

Mr. Poppelwell moved, and Mr. Callaghan seconded, 'That the Diocesan Councils retain all sums raised by them other than by subscriptions.'—Carried.

Rev. Father Edge then brought forward a remit from Auckland, and moved that power be given in the constitution for imposing a levy of 1s per head to pay for circulating literature. This was seconded by Mr. Casey.

Mr. Hayward spoke to the motion, and said that the Federation was under a deep debt of gratitude to Dr. Cleary, and suggested that the Dominion Executive be requested to send out circulars to leading Catholics requesting donations for this purpose.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Poppelwell moved, and Mr. Callaghan seconded, 'That the matter be referred to the Dominion Executive for favorable consideration, and to take such steps as it deemed advisable.'—Carried.

Rev. Father Edge brought up another motion in connection with finance, and said there was a little misunderstanding *re* his expenses as an organiser. He was absent five Sundays, and had to pay more than what he had received for a *locum tenens*. He had no wish to ask for his present expenses, but in future he would expect payment of any expenses incurred while doing organising work.

Mr. Hayward suggested that the Auckland Diocesan Council should bear the expenses in connection with Father Edge's work of organising.

Mr. Casey moved, and Rev. Father Coffey seconded, 'That delegates to the Dominion Council be paid by the Dominion Council their travelling expenses when acting as delegates at the rate of 10s per day, and locomotion expenses.'—Carried.

Mr. Casey moved, and Rev. Father Edge seconded, 'That all meetings of Parish Committees should be open to any financial member of the Federation without the power of voting or actively taking part in the proceedings.'

Messrs. Poppelwell and Shiel objected to this. The former said there were many matters of a confidential nature which perhaps the enemy would only be too glad to take advantage of.—The motion was lost.

In connection with Wellington's remit for the Council to consider the desirability of inaugurating a system of transfer when a member moved from one parish to another, this matter, on the motion of Mr. Callaghan, seconded by Mr. Poppelwell, was referred to the Dominion Executive for necessary action.

In regard to Wellington's remit as to the number to form a quorum for the Dominion Council, Rev. Father Coffey moved, and Mr. Hayward seconded, 'That five form a quorum at a Dominion Council meeting.'—Carried.

The next matter brought up was the question of defining the executive for a Diocesan Council. Mr. Casey suggested that this was a matter for consideration of Diocesan Councils. This evoked some discussion, and eventually Mr. Poppelwell moved, and Mr. Hayward seconded, 'That a Diocesan Council may elect an executive as it may think fit.'—Carried.

The next matter discussed was the question of *School Journals*. Mr. Hayward moved, and Mr. Poppelwell seconded, that the Minister of Education be written to and requested to issue the *Journals* free to Catholic schools. The mover said that he had learned on good authority that the *Journals* were so promiscuously distributed to State schools that many copies found their way to the waste paper basket, while Catholic children were charged 1d per copy.

Rev. Father Edge questioned whether the *Journal* was a suitable book for schools to take the place of readers.—Carried.

A general discussion then took place on educational matters. Rev. Father Coffey detailed his experience with the Otago Education Board. He said he found that body always willing to help him as far as possible. He also stated that any Catholic child, with a sixth standard certificate, on a letter from him would receive free tuition at the Technical School, if he also certified that such tuition would be of benefit to the child. Even those who did not pass the sixth standard would be accepted by the Technical School Board on a certificate that the tuition would benefit the child and that the parents could not afford to pay for the tuition.

The question of scholarships was also mentioned, and it was suggested that a deputation should interview the Minister and bring before him such matters as scholarships, *School Journals*, and swimming classes.

In connection with the attitude of certain boards towards scholarships in Catholic secondary schools, Mr. Poppelwell said that he was personally of opinion that the Education Boards could not be forced by legal proceedings to declare a Catholic secondary school to be a place where scholarships could be held.

Rev. Father Coffey then at some length detailed his interview with the Minister of Education, who suggested that they should fight this matter out. Mr. Hayward suggested that they should wait upon the Minister as a deputation on Tuesday.

Rev. Father Edge submitted that this and the matter of Bible-in-Schools were subjects which should only be raised by the Hierarchy.

Mr. Poppelwell suggested that the matter be left to the Dominion Executive. Legal advice, he thought, should be obtained from an eminent counsel, and if found unfavorable the Minister should then be deputationised.—This motion was left over.

This concluded the afternoon's proceedings of the Council, which adjourned till 7.30 p.m.

Upon resuming at 7.30 p.m. the education discussion was continued. Rev. Father Coffey proposed that the Executive, with Dr. Kennedy, meet the Bishops who were to meet in Wellington in a fortnight, and consult with them on the matter as to what course of action should be taken. This was seconded by Mr. Hayward, and carried.

Rev. Father Coffey moved that the Dominion Executive take counsel's opinion on the scholarship question prior to meeting the Bishops in consultation thereon. This was seconded by Mr. Callaghan, and carried.

The next subject discussed was that of immigration. The chairman moved 'That all Diocesan Councils be advised to enlist the aid of ladies' auxiliaries of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in forming Catholic immigration sub-committees, to meet and care for Catholic immigrants. This was seconded by Mr. Hayward, and carried.

The chairman stated in regard to the other remits the matters were now in the hands of the provisional Dominion Executive.