

new appointment falls short. The Premier has ignored the wishes of the country and the principle that the Laureate is a singer chosen to voice the nation's great moments of duty, rejoicing, grief. Here Mr. Kipling's claim is far above that of any contemporary.'

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The *Pall Mall's* selection of the two most suitable names for the position is confirmed in rather a striking manner by the results of a plebiscite taken by *T.P.'s Weekly*. The readers of that journal expressed their preference by their votes in the following fashion:—

Kipling, Rudyard	22,630	Noyes, Alfred	704
Meynell, Alice	5,598	Yeats, W. B.	641
Masefield, John	3,267	Dobson, Austin	575
Hardy, Thomas	2,170	Le Gallienne, R.	522
Watson, William	1,086	Housman, A. E.	466
Newbolt, Henry	821	Davies, W. H.	423
Chesterton, G. K.	777	Phillips, Stephen	324
Bridges, Robert	710	Hewlett, Maurice	35

It will be noted that apart from the outstanding figure of Rudyard Kipling, the Catholic poet, Mrs. Meynell, heads the list of competitors with a substantial lead.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up on Sunday at St. Joseph's Cathedral and suburban churches.

At the Dunedin Competitions on Saturday evening, three teams from the Christian Brothers' School competed in the Indian club-swinging item for boys under 15 years. The following was the result:—Christian Brothers' School, No. 1 (95 marks), 1; Christian Brothers' School, No. 2 (88 marks), 2; Christian Brothers' School, No. 3 (76 marks), 3. The judges were Messrs. S. M. Park and W. Matthews. The exhibition proved very interesting, and the work of the boys was neat and regular, and greatly admired.

At the weekly practice of St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir, occasion was taken to present Mrs. Fraher with a small token expressive of the esteem of members and their good wishes upon her departure from Dunedin. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., in making the presentation, stated that Mrs. Fraher's connection with the choir dated from the termination of her schooldays, and her services had been most valuable. Others speakers also paid a tribute to Mrs. Fraher's talents as a vocalist and expressed their regret at her departure. Mrs. Fraher is gifted with a soprano voice of beautiful quality, and her assistance in the rendering of the music of the Mass and Vespers will be greatly missed by the choir, which can ill afford to lose such a talented and painstaking member.

As the date of the opening of the Christian Brothers' School bazaar draws nigh interest in the fair increases, and stall-holders and their assistants are working with renewed vigor to provide the necessary furnishings. From all accounts, the goods on exhibition, both as regards quality and quantity, will easily be a record for Dunedin. The stalls have now been named, and allotted as follow:—Ireland—Mrs. Marlow and Children of Mary (South Dunedin); Great Britain—Mesdames Hungerford, Rosbotham, and Lynch (North-east Valley); Italy—Mrs. C. A. Shiel (St. Clair, Roslyn, etc.); Spain—Mesdames Sweeney and Duffy (city); America—Mrs. Jackson and St. Vincent de Paul Society (city); India—Miss Rodgers and Children of Mary (city).

ST. MARY'S ORPHANAGE, AUCKLAND

We have received the following subscription for the building fund of St. Mary's Orphanage, Auckland:—Mr. T. W. Goodger, Mossburn, £1 ls.

CATHOLIC FEDERATION

WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

The Dominion Executive of the New Zealand Catholic Federation met last Thursday evening in the presbytery, Patterson street, Mr. Geo. Girling-Butcher presiding. The principal business discussed was the result of the conference of the Executive with the Hierarchy. The question of inviting Rev. Father Bernard Vaughan, S.J., in conjunction with the Australian Federation, was submitted at this conference, and the necessary permission was granted by the prelates, who promised to give the movement their heartiest support. The secretary thereupon replied to Victoria accordingly. If Father Vaughan will consent to come an effort will be made to get him out next year, and to lecture on behalf of Catholic education and the Federation. Other matters of mutual interest were discussed with the Hierarchy, such as immigration, Bible-in-schools, and education, and it was agreed that such conferences should take place annually. The Hierarchy are extremely anxious for a more active campaign by parish committees and diocesan councils for the enrolment of members. The Federation must embrace within its folds every Catholic man, woman, and child in the Dominion, and the only way to do that is by active committees, headed by zealous officers, who will not be content to enrol at the church doors, but who will make a thorough canvass of the parishes.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

The Cathedral Parish Committee met on last Monday evening in the episcopal residence. The Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., presided, and there was an attendance of nineteen members. An interesting resume of the business transacted at the inaugural meeting of the Dominion Council was given by the local diocesan delegate, Mr. J. R. Hayward. An active enrolment of members at the Cathedral on Sunday was arranged for, contingents undertaking the duty at all the Masses. The latest parochial district to come into line is Ross, where branches have been established. The whole of the Westland portion of the diocese is now organised, and good accounts are soon expected from the few remaining unorganised districts in Canterbury. The executive of the diocesan council will shortly meet, when, besides transacting accumulated business, it will consider means for developing and extending the usefulness of the Federation.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

J. O'S.—The letter is very well written for a boy of ten, but it is too long. Write us a short letter about some of the tricks given week by week in the *Tablet*, and we may be able to do something with it.

SUBSCRIBER.—The leaning was not due to original design, but the architects are entitled to some credit and responsibility for the peculiarity as a permanent feature of the structure. The tower began to heel over to one side when the third story was completed; and the architects then deliberately accepted the conditions, and adhered to the inclining position, but diminished the slope of the upper stories so as to keep the centre of gravity well within the walls.

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