

Father Hurley (treasurer) read a balance sheet, showing the present financial position.

The secretary was directed to write to diocesan secretaries, requesting remittances, and pointing out that the subscriptions received do not yet tally with the amounts that should have been received in accordance with the membership roll.

The secretary's report of proposed operations was next taken, and approved as follows:—

The Secretary's Report.

The object is to make the Federation rooms veritably a headquarters for the Catholic community of New Zealand, and it must be understood that the offices will be open continuously from 10 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. It is felt that the Federation should be the means of making our fellow-countrymen better known to one another, and, if advantage is taken of the opportunities offered, many friendships of mutual advantage can be established, and bonds of Christian fellowship cemented. By means of the *N.Z. Tablet* a standing invitation is to be extended to all our co-religionists, of all ages, when visiting Wellington, to call at the Catholic headquarters, sign their names in the visitors' book, and give the officers of the Federation the pleasure of making their personal acquaintance. In order to acquaint members of our community throughout the Dominion with the whereabouts of the headquarters, and the general advantages and privileges extended by the Federation, members of diocesan councils and parish committees are urged to bring this matter under the direct notice of their Catholic friends.

The secretary proposes to issue a monthly bulletin, copies of which will be forwarded to secretaries of parish committees for distribution amongst the people of their districts. The bulletin will contain the whole of the news in connection with matters concerning the Federation, and should be of great interest, and of material service in maintaining the interest of members, and stimulating them to further efforts for the welfare of the Federation.

It is proposed to compile from the various parish rolls a complete list of all the Catholics in New Zealand; to compile a schedule of all Catholics engaged in teaching in the State schools; to compile, for the information of the members of the community, a list of all Catholic professional men and women (particularly medical men, nurses, and others engaged in similar occupations), in order that our people may (if they so desire) engage the services of members of their own faith.

The establishment of an immigration bureau is now in hand. Operations will be conducted by the staff, and every assistance will be given to the Ladies' Immigration Committee of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in each of the centres. It is proposed to act in conjunction with the Government Department of Immigration, and information will be circulated respecting terms of assisted emigration, and other matters in this connection. It is proposed to keep in touch with societies in England and Ireland, with a view to securing information as to intending Catholic emigrants.

The secretary has been registered as a licensed registry-office keeper. A roll has been opened of the names and addresses of Catholic employers requiring male or female assistants for work of any description. Persons from every part of the Dominion of either sex, desiring employment in any capacity, are invited to record their names and qualifications at the bureau. Negotiations will be entered into so as to bring prospective employers and employees into communication. It is hoped that both classes will avail themselves of the services of the staff, which will be gladly rendered, without charge to either side, albeit it is hoped that donations towards the expenses of the Federation generally may result consequent on the successful fruition of such negotiations. A record of Catholic boarding-houses and private householders in every part of the Dominion, who are prepared to receive boarders (temporary or permanent), will also be kept. Such persons are invited to supply particulars as to terms, locality,

and accommodation available. Those in need of such accommodation, and, in particular, visitors, and parents of young people about to reside in Wellington, are asked to communicate with the secretary.

A notification of the hours at which the various Masses are celebrated will be sent for exhibition in the various Catholic hotels and boarding-houses for the information of visitors.

The board room is at the disposal of the committee of any Catholic body, provided that due notification is given to the secretary.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL BAZAAR

THE OPENING CEREMONY

For a long time it has been felt that the building which the Christian Brothers have been using as a school has outlived its usefulness, and that one more in keeping with its purpose, and with the times, was an absolute necessity. Other undertakings, however, interfered with this matter being taken up until at length it became so pressing that it could not be postponed any longer. When the proposal to hold a bazaar in aid of a new school was put forward in the early part of this year, it was taken up with a whole-hearted enthusiasm that augured well for the success of the undertaking, especially as hundreds of the 'Old Boys' of the school in the city and throughout Otago took the matter up with the greatest enthusiasm, and promised their heartiest support. The ladies of the city and suburbs set to work with their customary zeal and industry to provide for the furnishing of the various stalls, and an energetic committee of gentlemen, with Rev. Father Coffey as treasurer, and Mr. J. Hally as secretary, undertook to make the necessary arrangements, and draw up a programme of spectacular displays, music, and athletic contests. The committee devoted much time and thought to these matters, the result being that nothing had been overlooked. The ladies had been working unceasingly for some time, and the splendid and comprehensive display of goods which they got together was the subject of general admiration. The immense audience, which assembled at the opening ceremony on Monday evening in His Majesty's Theatre, had tangible evidence in the varied nature of the exhibits and their excellence, of the determination of the stallholders to make this the best and most successful carnival ever held in Dunedin. An inspection of the stalls would lead one to believe that the promoters had almost laid every part of the globe under tribute, so varied, artistic, and unique were the contents thereof. Seven of the principal stalls—Great Britain, America, Ireland, Spain, India, Italy, and Japan (tea room) are situated on the first floor, and the Old Boys' Emporium with a number of side-show on the ground floor. The stalls are designed with much taste, and decorated in a manner typical of the nations they represent. The decorations have been carried out on a lavish scale, and with good taste and judgment. It is not necessary, in fact it would be impossible, to deal separately with the contents of each stall, as it is only by a personal inspection that one could get an idea of the varied and valuable character of the exhibits. There is for sale something to suit everybody—the useful, the artistic, and the ornamental. Even the necessities of life have not been neglected, for in the emporium conducted by the Old Boys' Committee can be purchased everything necessary for stocking a well-filled larder.

Shortly before 8 o'clock the proceedings began with the dancing and spectacular display under the direction of Miss Hamann. The first item was a military tableau, in which a number of ladies took part, the Kaikorai Band—which has been engaged for the three weeks the carnival will run—playing the National Anthem, with Mr. G. B. Laidlaw as conductor. Following this came a military march, the ladies wearing long, flowing

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